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ALBION, INDIANA

2009

These obituaries are from The News Sun, Kendallville, Indiana and Albion New Era, Albion, Indiana. I have made every effort for accuracy and do apologize for any errors or omissions. I am glad to help preserve the history of Noble County, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 1, 2009, Wednesday

Blunt force injury

Documents offer insight into toddler's death

BY MATT GETTS
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LAGRANGE — On March 28, 16-month-old Alissa B. Guernsey of Topeka died from "blunt force injury of (the) head," according to the girl's death certificate.

An investigation into Guernsey's death has led to two felony charges against a Topeka woman who had been the child's caregiver since December 2008.

Shaffer

Indictments handed down by a LaGrange County grand jury last week charged Christy T. Shaffer, 31, with two felony counts of neglect of a dependent causing bodily injury. But the official manner of death was listed as homicide on Guernsey's death certificate, which was obtained by this newspaper on Tuesday.

The death certificate was signed by LaGrange County deputy coroner Randall L. Packer.

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One indictment alleges that between February 2009 and March 2009, Shaffer committed the crime of neglect of a dependent causing bodily injury, a Class C felony.

The other indictment alleges that on March 28, the date the child died, Shaffer committed the crime of neglect of a dependent causing serious bodily injury, a Class B felony.

Shaffer turned herself in to LaGrange County authorities on Friday. She posted $20,000 bond and was released.

A Class B felony carries a sentencing range from six to 20 years with up to a $10,000 fine. A Class C felony carries a sentencing range from two to eight years with up to a $10,000 fine.

Shaffer pleaded not guilty in an initial court hearing on Friday. Her next court date has been set for 9 a.m. on Aug. 10.

Guernsey had been taken from her biological mother by the Steuben County Department of Child Services (DCS) in December 2008. The girl's mother had been living in the Hamilton area at the time. Steuben County officials placed the child in relative foster care placement with Shaffer, who is a cousin of the child's mother.

Guernsey's death was investigated by the Indiana State Police, with assistance from the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, and the matter was turned over to the LaGrange County Prosecutor's Office.

LaGrange County Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Wible called for a jury grand to hear the facts in the case and levy charges.

Wible made a motion to the court to unseal the criminal case file in the case Tuesday morning. The motion was signed by a visiting senior judge shortly before noon.

The motion did not affect the grand jury proceedings, which remained sealed on Tuesday.

Included in the criminal file were the indictments signed by the six-member grand jury.

David Sprunger, who is Guernsey's grandfather and the uncle of Shaffer, said on Monday he did not believe the charges had any merit.

Authorities have not commented on the case because grand jury proceedings are sealed and not open to the general public.

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Onnalea Berry

ANGOLA — Onnalea Mae Berry, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Berry had moved to Angola from Fort Recovery, Ohio, in 1981.

She had been a bookkeeper for the equity exchange in Fort Recovery and later at Hull Brothers International Harvester.

Mrs. Berry

Mrs. Berry was a 1934 graduate of Madison Township High School.

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and its Lydia Circle. She was also a member of the Angola Garden Club, the Steuben County Women's Club, a bridge club and her Friday night group.

She was born March 25, 1916, in Jay County to Floyd D. and Alta (Leonhard) Freemyer. She married Howard C. Berry on June 4, 1939. He died June 1, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Thomas M. and Susan Berry of Angola; a daughter, Jane Ann and Richard Wright of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother, Robert Freemyer of Fort Recovery; five grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Glenn Freemyer.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Angola United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tim Terrel officiating. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-7 p.m. Thursday prior to the services at the church.

Graveside services will be at noon Friday at Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery with Pastor Paul Young officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Recovery.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or Cameron Hospice and Home Health in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Maurice Yoder

KENDALLVILLE — Maurice "Morrie" D. Yoder, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of Topeka, died Tuesday at 1:10 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Topeka Baptist Church, 124 W. Pine St., Topeka, with Pastor Harry Smith and Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be at the church on Thursday from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service.

Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Laura Rosenbury

BUTLER — Laura E. Rosenbury, 86, of Butler died Monday, June 29, 2009.

She was born July 19, 1922, in Allen County to Paul and Bessie (Boren) Freeman. She married Robert Rosenbury on October 25, 1958, in Auburn. He preceded in death on March 29, 1990.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles.

Laura is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Terri Rosenbury of Auburn and Ronald Wilcoxson of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; a sister, Betty Lemper of North Carolina; a brother, Jack Freeman of Florida; five grandchildren, Molly Rosenbury, Terry Deter, Amy Wilcoxson, Laura Evans and Thomas Wilcoxson; and a step-grandson, Shannon Hunter Rowe.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, James "Jody" Wilcoxson; two brothers, Otho and Robert Freeman; and three sisters, Helen Shutt, Louise Neiuwandt, and Phyllis Conner.

Funeral services for Laura Rosenbury will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Michael Halferty officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Marion Hetrick

ANGOLA — Marion A. Hetrick, 80, of Angola, died June 29, 2009 at home.

Born in Woodburn, IN, he was the son of the late Harold and Ida Hetrick.

He retired in 1990 from Plastic Composites Corp after 32 years.

He loved his family and enjoyed boating, fishing, cards and gardening.

Mr. Hetrick

Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Sally; four daughters, Sandy (Rollin) Holt of Greenwood, Vickie (Matt) Ley of Fort Wayne, Connie (Jeff) Strahley of Paulding, Ohio, and Tammy (Joe) Wiegand of Angola; two sons, Jerry (Nyletta) Hetrick of Fort Wayne and Dennis (Vickie) Hetrick of Dallas, Texas; stepchildren, Bret (Drema) Pressler of Fort Wayne, Scott (Maite) Pressler of Margate, Fla., and Teresa Mason of Angola; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and one sister.

Services for Mr. Hetrick are Friday, July 3, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West Street, Angola, IN 46703, with calling one hour prior.

Calling is Thursday, July 2, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, IN.

Preferred memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Friends may sign a guest book for Mr. Hetrick at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Marilynn Fulk

LAOTTO — Marilynn M. (Southern) Fulk, 86, of LaOtto died at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fulk was a homemaker.

She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and its Ladies Aide. She was also a member of the Noble County Extension Homemakers.

She was born Aug. 23, 1922, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Mabel (Ormiston) Southern. They preceded her in death.

She married Hugh E. Fulk Sr. on June 21, 1941, in LaOtto and he died Jan. 18, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter in-law, Hugh Fulk Jr. of Wagoner, Okla., and David and Shirley Fulk of Kendallville; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gwendolyn Sheets of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Susan Socha officiating. Burial will follow in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Paul Meyers

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. "Buster" Meyers, 84, died Monday, June 29, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 2, 1925, and graduated from Arcola High School in 1943, where he played basketball for the Arcola Aces. In the late 1950s he was the catcher for the Wayne Candies fast pitch softball team, which won the city title.

Mr. Meyers

Mr. Meyers was a member of the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as treasurer. He was active in fund raising and other volunteer activities, and was a member of the Angola VFW and American Legion Post 330 in New Haven.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corp. He was a member of the 2nd Air division, 328 Bomb Squadron, 93rd Bomb Group. He was a waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator and from his base in Norwich England, he completed 35 missions over Germany. He was honorably discharged on October 18, 1945, and later joined the 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing of the Fort Wayne Air National Guard and served in the Korean War.

After serving his country, he was employed by the International Harvester until his retirement in 1981.

For the past 28 years he and his wife, Janet, have wintered in their Florida home at Jamaica Royale on Siesta Key and summered in Fort Wayne with all their children and grandchildren.

Surviving with his wife are seven children, Paul R. (Jane) Meyers Sr. of Fort Wayne, Ruth A. (Glen) Richardson of Fort Wayne, James M. (Deb) Meyers of Fort Wayne, Pamela J. (Harry) Bland of Dothan, Ala., Stanley A. (Pam) Bradtmueller of New Haven, Amy M. (Marvin) Jacobowitz of Fort Wayne and Jill M. (Robert) Swygart of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; a sister, Vivian Andress of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Donald E. (Patricia) Meyers of North Fort Myers, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with Pastor Stan Temme officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Lake George Lutheran Chapel Building Fund or to Ronald McDonald House.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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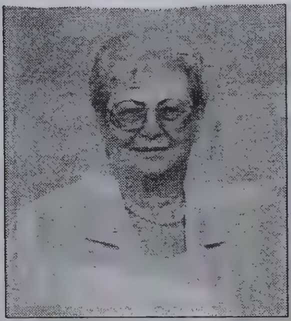

Lauretta I. Mowan, 75

CHURUBUSCO: Lauretta I. Mowan, 75, formerly of Smith Township, Whitley County, died at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Renaissance Village where she had been a resident since March 2007.

She was born December 7, 1933 in Whitley County, Indiana a daughter of Jesse and Rose (Witte) Simon. A lifelong Whitley County resident, she graduated from Columbia City High School in 1951.

On May 24, 1959 she married Billy J. Pence. Mr. Pence died May 27, 1977.

She was a Churubusco rural route mail carrier for 20 years, owned & operated the 33 Club in Churubusco for 13 years along with her husband Billy, worked at Farm Bureau Insurance for five years and Citizens National Bank for four years.

On January 11, 1986 she married Robert W. Mowan. Mr. Mowan died April 22, 1998.

Her memberships included Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco, V.F.W. Post #3846 Auxiliary where she was a past president, Eagles #2455 Auxiliary in Albion, American Legion Post #98 Auxiliary where she was a 50+ year member and National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Surviving relatives include two sons, Timmy J. (Ruthanna) Pence and Mark A. (Donna) Pence, both of Churubusco; two step sons and a step daughter, Lewis A. (Deb) Mowan of Boise, ID, Robert L. (Susan) Mowan of Knoxville, TN and Judy (Sam) Sicola of Houston, TX; a granddaughter; several step grandchildren; several step great grandchildren; a sister, Mary Alice Simon Lincoln of Columbia City; and a brother, Jene Simon of Columbia City.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by a son, Gregory Davis; a step daughter, Sandra Davis; a brother, Leroy Simon; and two sisters, Doris Simon and Rea Lambert.

The funeral service was held at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. The burial was in Blue River Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, Visiting Nurse & Hospice or Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

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Merritt Williams

WATERLOO — Merritt Williams, 79, passed away June 24, 2009, at his home in Plymouth, Ohio.

He was born in DeKalb County on June 27, 1929, to Merritt and Hilda (Crook) Williams and they have both passed away.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force veteran serving from 1946 to 1955. He retired as a Locomotive Engineer from B&O Railroad.

Mr. Williams was a member of Life Point Community Church in Plymouth.

He enjoyed gardening and most of all spending time with his dogs.

He married Manola Parker on October 30, 1948, in Waterloo, Ind., and she died May 16, 2006.

He is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eugene "Duke" and Pat Williams of Waterloo and Stan and Jeanette Williams of Anderson, Ind.; a sister, Emma Trenary of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Marjorie Sewelin.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday July 3, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, Ind., with the Rev. Rich Hurles officiating.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at Waterloo, Ind.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Life Point Community Church, 260 Riggs St., Plymouth, Ohio 44865.

Sarah Bontrager

SHIPSHEWANA — Sarah E. Bontrager, 96, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the BRC Home Care in Middlebury after an extended Illness.

She was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 16, 1913, in LaGrange County to Andrew S. and Annie D. (Yoder) Schrock. She married Amos A. Bontrager on Nov. 21, 1939, in LaGrange County. He died June 8, 1982.

Surviving are three daughters, Anna Sue Lambright of Shipshewana, Katie and Levi "Lee" Miller of Nappanee, and Wilma and Casper Hochstetler of Shipshewana; two sons, Orva and Elsie Bontrager of Shipshewana and Elmer and Louise Bontrager of Sarasota, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Lydia Borntrager of Middlebury; and a brother, David and Viola Schrock of Middlebury.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Menno Lambright; two grandsons, Dennis and Richard Lambright; a great-grandson, Keith Schlabach; two sisters, Polly Schrock and Amanda Yoder; and four brothers, Edward, William, Sam and Andrew Schrock.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Casper Hochstetler residence, 7245 W. C.R. 200N, Shipshewana, with Bishop Jerry Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at the Casper Hochstetler residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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July 2, 2009, Thursday

Maurice Yoder

KENDALLVILLE — Maurice D. "Morrie" Yoder, 81, of Kendallville and formerly of Topeka died at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Yoder

Mr. Yoder had been a lifetime area resident and businessman.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kendallville.

He was born May 14, 1928, in Topeka to Elva and Nellie (Hostetler) Yoder. He married Phyllis Hoak on December 22, 1946. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda Yoder of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Danny Whitaker of Osceola; five grandchildren, Amy and Andrew Begley of Beaverton, Ore., Marcia and Rich Presser of Fort Wayne, Tyler Pappas of Osceola, Phillip Yoder of Kendallville and Tami and Jon Pyfer of Elkhart; three great-grandchildren, Elise Yoder, Ryan Yoder and Mitchell Pappas; a sister, Joan Hughes of Hamilton; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dwight Yoder of Virginia, Jim and Doris Yoder of Newton, Kan., and Gary and Paula Yoder of Rochester.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Billy Yoder.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2009, at Topeka Baptist Church, 104 North St., Topeka, with Pastor Harry Smith and Pastor Gene Parker officiating.

Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the church and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Phyllis Miller

COLUMBIA CITY — Phyllis P. Miller, age 90, a lifelong resident of rural Columbia City, Indiana, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, in her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Phyllis was born December 18, 1918, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a daughter of the late Paul and Alta (Hawk) Egolf.

Mrs. Miller

She was a graduate of Churubusco High School with the class of 1936, and had worked as a seamstress at the Blue Bell in Columbia City until her marriage to John H. Miller on June 26, 1940.

Her memberships include the Blue River Church of the Brethren, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher, organist, and church camp counselor.

She enjoyed knitting, working in the yard and with flowers.

Mrs. Miller volunteered at the Whitley County Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law; Dianna and Bob Green of LaOtto, Indiana; a brother, Roger Egolf of Fort Wayne, Indiana; a sister, Beatrice Leitch of Churubusco, Indiana; and grandchildren, Richard "Rick" (Paula) Green of Churubusco, Indiana, Anita (Scot) Green-Martin of LaOtto, Indiana, and Matthew (Kim) Green of Avilla, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on October 25, 1971; a daughter, Jeanette I. Miller in 1958; three sisters, Elizabeth Orcutt, Mary Jo Kennedy and Corrine Carig; and a brother, Norman Egolf.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 E. C.R., 700N, Columbia City, Indiana, with Pastor Craig Alan Myers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Indiana.

The family will receive friends in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Indiana, on Monday, July 6, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday morning at the church from 10 a.m. until service time.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Mission Fund at Blue River Church of the Brethren. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home and church.

To leave a condolence for the family you may log onto www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Frances Kearns

GARRETT — A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at the United Methodist Church in Garrett for Frances Patrick Wyatt Kearns.

A reception will follow at the church.

Mrs. Kearns, 95, died May 27, 2009.

David Stoikes

LAOTTO — David Jerome Stoikes, age 70, of LaOtto, died suddenly Friday, June 26, 2009, at 9:45 p.m. at his home in LaOtto.

David had lived in LaOtto for the last 19 years, coming from Fort Wayne and Janesville, Wis.

He was born Sept, 16, 1938, in LaFarge, Wis., to Jerome and Freda (Hysel) Stoikes.

Mr. Stoikes retired from General Motors Corp. Fort Wayne Plant as an assembly worker, and he also worked for the plant in Janesville, Wis. Prior to being employed with General Motors David served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

David was an avid reader, enjoyed working in his garden and attending auctions.

On April 11, 1964, he married Nancy Stoikes (nee Geise) and she survives in LaOtto.

Other survivors include three sons and spouses; Jerome and Shelia Stoikes of Janesville, Wis., Paul and Bambi Stoikes of Milton, Wis., and Jeremy Stoikes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Corintha and Tod Montayne of Janesville, Wis; seven grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Linda Stoikes of Fon du Lac, Wis., a sister and brother-in-law, Dixie and Neal Hamilton of Beloite, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

No local services are planned. Cremation has taken place.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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The Family of Tim Oliver

We would like to thank the staff of Parkview Noble and Parkview Memorial hospitals for their care and kind words during the illness and ultimate passing of our beloved husband, father, son and Poppy. We especially thank family and friends for all the calls, cards, flowers and visits during this difficult time. We extend a special thank you to Dr. Koczorowska for all her care and support. Tim was loved by many and he will live in our hearts forever.

Lisa Mullet

SHIPSHEWANA — Lisa Diane Mullet, 3 months, of Shipshewana died at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009, at her residence of congestive heart failure due to an enlarged heart.

She was born April 1, 2009, in New Eden Care Center in Topeka to David L. and Ruby (Weaver) Mullet. They survive.

Also surviving are three sisters, Jolene Mullet, Sharon Mullet and Doris Mullet, all at home; her grandparents, Vernon and Ruby Mullet of LaGrange and Ida Mae Weaver of LaGrange; and great-grandparents, Ira and Mattie Mullet of Topeka, and Elmer and Katie Bontrager of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Samuel Weaver, and a sister, Ida Mullet on Dec. 18, 2000.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the David O. Miller residence, 4340 W. C.R. 450N, Shipshewana with Bishop Jacob Jones and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family's residence.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Tobias Hochstetler

GOSHEN — Tobias M. Hochstetler, 74, of Goshen died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Simon Schmucker residence, 14592 C.R. 34, Goshen. Burial will be in Nisley Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence, 14448 C.R. 34, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Burney was always learning

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Colleagues and family remembered longtime Tri-State professor Thomas Burney as a man of a spectacularly expansive intellect and an inquisitive mind. Burney's wife, Sylvia, said he was particularly interested in the nature of religion.

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Thomas Burney's mind never stopped working, his friends and family said.

Burney, a retired professor at Tri-State University, died June 24 at age 79.

"My husband was a perpetual scholar," Sylvia Burney said. "He studied incessantly, even after he retired."

"He was the kind of scholar where he'd be into something and then go of on another tangent," Marilyn Gennett, Burney's stepdaughter, said. "Then he'd come back to what he'd be working on. He was a true academic, in that he spent a great deal of time researching a variety of different subjects, or he'd take on one subject and look at it from a number of different perspectives."

Burney and Sylvia met while she was a student at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., and he came to the school to teach philosophy.

"I wasn't in any of his classes, but I was going to school there at the time," she said. After the two married in 1963, Sylvia joined Burney's tour of a number of Midwestern colleges. Burney had previously been at Lakeland College in Wisconsin, then the pair moved from Illinois College to Ohio State University, then four years later, Denison University in Granville, Ohio. After another four years, they came to Angola.

"It was no problem moving around, I liked it," said Sylvia, who's originally from London.

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While Burney was initially hired at Tri-State to teach economics, he also taught courses on the philosophy of religion and comparative religion. "He was most passionate about the philosophy of religion. I could never really understand why he didn't just stick with that, but I imagine that was his father's doing." Burney's father, William, taught accounting at the University of Iowa for 40 years.

Burney actually graduated from the McCormick Seminary in Chicago and was an ordained minister, Sylvia said. "He tried having a church for a year but decided he'd rather be teaching." A member of Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola, Burney would occasionally take on sermons there.

"He would bring a lot of the academic side into different topics, and bring out the differences in religions," Gennett said.

"He felt that religion was something that was really important and that it was something that had been a problem for many people," Sylvia said. "He was interested in the ways that religions have changed over time and how it needed to be turned back to its roots."

While raising two sons (Christopher Burney of Angola and William Burney of Waterloo) kept Thomas and Sylvia busy, Sylvia said her husband always had his books to keep him company. "The man spent the majority of his time with his books," she said. "Sometimes when the boys would want to go somewhere he'd just say, 'Go ask your mother,' because he'd be so interested in what he was working on."

After Burney retired in 1994, the pair spent a year on a church mission in Honduras in 1998 where both of them spent time teaching.

While he read up on any number of different subjects, Sylvia said her husband never published, in part because he was never certain he knew enough about anything. "He would always think the answer would be within his grasp, but he was still searching."

"He was more interested in the learning part of academics than the publishing part," Gennett said.

Mark Blaz, a psychology professor at Trine, worked with Burney for 17 years.

"He was the nicest, gentlest man you'd ever meet," Blaz said. "He read constantly, and he'd update each of his courses, unlike those who just teach the same course every year. It was unusual, the amount of work he'd put in." Blaz said he was also struck by the breadth of Burney's knowledge in different subjects. "He was a polymath, he knew so much about so many different subjects. He was just very interested in all of these different things." Blaz said he'd heard from a number of people that after his retirement, Burney would spend a lot of time at the school library, just reading.

Tom Tierney team-taught a course every year with Burney and Bob Whelchel called "Art, technology and society."

"He was a very interested and engaged teacher," Tierney said of his colleague. "He was very well read on a number of different subjects. He was a true renaissance man in every sense of the word. I understand he was still running up until the last few weeks." He echoed some of what Blaz had said as well. "I think everyone who knew him would say he was an extraordinarily gentle man. One time, a student told me, off the record, that he never finished a sentence. Because he had such a fertile mind he'd always come up with an objection or a different perspective on something."

THE NEWS SUN
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July 5, 2009, Sunday

David Williams

HAMILTON — David A. Williams, 68, of Hamilton died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne on Thursday, July 2, 2009.

Mr. Williams was born Aug. 15, 1940, in Anderson.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Charles Oberlin

ANGOLA — Charles C. Oberlin, 88, of Angola, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Service arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Carmen Mahnesmith

SOUTH BEND — Carmen D. Mahnesmith, 85, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at his daughter's home.

He was born March 13, 1924, to the late Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnesmith in Albion.

Surviving are his daughters, Marilyn M. (Dr. Thomas) Johnson and Dr. Carolyn (Dan) Balog; a son, Dr. Randolph (Kathy) Mahnesmith; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, South Bend.

Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Ida May Brand

ANGOLA — Ida May Brand, 96 of Angola died Friday, July 3, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Brand was a homemaker. She was a member of the Quincy, Mich., Order of Eastern Star

She was born Nov. 3, 1912, in Ligonier to Alonzo and Grace (Wenner) Altimus.

She married Kenneth Brand on Nov. 14, 1931. He died April 29, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Richard Brand of Greenbush, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Janis and Ronald Funnell of Angola; and a sister, Virginia Smith of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Thomas Sheets Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas Ray Sheets Jr., 15, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Fla.

Sheets

He was a sophomore at East Noble High School and enjoyed reading and playing video games. He also liked fishing, riding his bike, listening to music and playing his guitar.

He was born in Salem, Ore., on April 11, 1994, to Thomas Ray Sheets Sr. and Jeannie Marie (Smalley) Speaker.

Survivors include his mother, Jeannie and Robert Speaker of Kendallville; his father, Thomas Ray Sheets Sr. of Tampa, Fla.; his stepfather, Mark DeCamp of Wolcottville; one brother, Austin Anderson of Kendallville; two sisters, Lindsay Smalley and Faith Sheets, both of Kendallville; one stepsister, Torie Speaker of Tri Lakes; two stepbrothers, Brandon Speaker and Kyle Speaker, both of Kendallville; and his stepgrandmother, Patricia Speaker of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at New Life Tabernacle with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at New Life Tabernacle in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

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Orlin Boggs

GOSHEN — Orlin F. Boggs, 92, of Goshen and formerly of Howe, went to be with the Lord on Friday, July 3, 2009, at Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

He was born on July 28, 1916, in Defiance, Ohio to Frank and Matilda (Wolf) Boggs; they both preceded him in death. He graduated from Mongo School and continued education in Accounting and Financial Planning. Living most of his lifetime in LaGrange County, he was a member of English Prairie Church of the Brethren in Howe, the LaGrange County Farm Bureau, of which he was County President for many years, and spent winters in Bradenton, Fla. He was an outstanding dairy farmer over the years and a custodian of Brighton School for 20 years.

Mr. Boggs married Romayne (Gibson) Agley on June 3, 1951, in Brighton; she survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Twyla and Gerald Dudley of Scottsdale, Ariz., Diane and Robert Robinson of Middlebury, and Sally and Mark Hans of Mishawaka; six sons and five daughters-in-law, Duane and Arlys Boggs of Howe, Robert and Kathy Agley of Monticello, Dave and Connie Boggs of LaGrange, Dan and Kathy Agley of Glen Arm, Md., Dick and Gerrie Boggs of Whitewater, Colo., and Dan Boggs of Indianapolis; 19 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and a sister and brother-in-law, Idonna and Duane Mireley of Howe.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Clara (Bowman) Boggs, on Oct. 20, 1950; a son, Dennis Boggs on Feb. 15, 1970; a granddaughter, Kelly Jo Boggs, on Sept. 16, 1972; two sisters, Marvel Robbins and Dorothy Ankney; and two brothers, Donald and Burdette Boggs.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at English Prairie Church of the Brethren, with Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating.

Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2009, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to English Prairie Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be left for the family at frurimay-funeralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 5, 2009, Sunday

Gloria Williams

ORLAND — Gloria Jean Williams, 63, of Orland died at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola after a two-year battle with bone cancer.

Mrs. Williams

A 1966 graduate of Fremont High School, Mrs. Williams was a homemaker. She was a member of the Assembly of God in Angola. She enjoyed attending church, fishing, mushroom hunting and taking walks.

She was born March 16, 1946, in Angola to Frederick and Edna M. (Souder) Wills.

She married Larry Williams on May 21, 1979, in Stroh. He survives in Orland.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Shane Willett of Fort Wayne; two sons, Todd Whitcomb of Angola and Aaron Williams of Orland; three stepdaughters, Celeste Westendorf of Three Rivers, Mich., Tina Hinen of Wolcottville and Shannon Phillips of Ashley; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Judy and Don Simpson and Linda and Terry Potts, all of Angola; one brother, George "Bud" Wills of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Assembly of God, 645 N. S.R. 827, Angola, with Pastor Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday at the Assembly of God.

Preferred memorials are to the Assembly of God, Angola.

Condolences may be sent online at beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Michele Graddy

FISHERS — Michele Lee (Reichard) Graddy, 41, of Fishers, died Thursday, July 2, 2009, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was a member of the East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis.

She was born April 27, 1968, in Kendallville to Jerry and Virginia (Sprague) Reichard.They survive.

Also surviving are her husband, Tim Graddy; two sons, Christopher Graddy and Jack Graddy; two daughters, Katie Graddy and Olivia Graddy; a sister, Teresa Harman; two sisters-in-law, Shawna (Jerry) Beauchampe and Michelle (Arvin) Roberts; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Ruth Graddy; and many extended family members and friends.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary with the Rev. Frank Pendleton and the Rev. Milo Curtis officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a fund for the children through Huntington Bank.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 6, 2009, Monday

David Williams

HAMILTON — David A. Williams, 68, of Hamilton died Thursday, July 2, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for six years and delivered trailers for Hoosier RV, Bristol. He retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service.

He was born Aug. 15, 1940, in Anderson to Dale and Martha Jane (Hunt) Williams. On Jan. 29, 1998, he married Linda A. Clark, who survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, John David and Dee Williams of Indianapolis, Russell Dale Williams of Greencastle, Brian and Kathy Fox of Huntertown and Scott Fox of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a brother, Joe Williams of the Indianapolis area; three sisters, Diane Martinez and Susan Boyles, both of Indianapolis, and Nancy Yeiter of Crawfordsville; and eight grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a daughter, Debra Williams; she preceded him May 14, 1979.

Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Tim Terrell and Angola American Legion Post 31 officiating.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Arrangements are by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Charles Oberlin

ANGOLA — Charles C. Oberlin, 88, of Angola died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Oberlin retired from farming in 1978. He also worked as a meat cutter at Harger's Meats.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church and was active with the Steuben County Soil and Water Conservancy. He was an agent for Farmers Mutual Relief Insurance Co.

He was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Steuben County to H.L. and Callie (Ruhl) Oberlin. On Oct. 28, 1940, he married Ruth Cary, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherrie Reid of Naples, Fla., and Diane and Dale Champion of Angola; a brother, Lloyd Oberlin of Edon, Ohio; five grandchildren and their spouses, Kelly and Duane Woods, Tony and Janelle Isenhoff, Kathy and Matt Croce, Jon and Amanda Champion and Leann and Chris Jordan; and four great-grandchildren, Kustin and McKenna Isenhoff and Sky and Becca Croce.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Juanita Berryhill, Marie Harmon and Virginia Hanna.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

Florence Martin

LIGONIER — Florence H. Martin, 92, of Ligonier died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, P.O. Box 544, Syracuse, IN 46567.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 7, 2009, Tuesday

Vernon Peters

KENDALLVILLE — Vernon George Peters, 78, of Kendallville, died Sunday, July 5, 2009, at his residence in Kendallville.

A resident of Kendallville since 1988, Mr. Peters was born in Grand Haven, Mich., on Dec. 17, 1930, to Gerald P. and Esther Mae (Deremo) Peters.

Mr. Peters

He graduated from Grand Haven High School and entered the U.S. Army, serving his country from 1955-1957. His battalion served stateside in the Los Angeles area during the Cold War Era. The "Nike" battalion was one of eight with guided missile battalions that protected the United States.

He married Karen Jean Arkema-Hitsman on Aug. 11, 1990 in Grand Haven, Mich.

Mr. Peters was an engineering manager and employed with Albion Wire in Kendallville and Gardner-Denver in Grand Haven. He retired in 1996 after 13 years with Albion Wire. Vernon was a sports fan, and he enjoyed watching sporting events of all kinds. He also enjoyed his flower gardens. He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: his wife, Karen Peters of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Dave Hodge of Grand Haven, Mich.; a son, Steven Peters of Nunica, Mich.; a daughter, Kay Schatz of Benton Harbor, Mich.; a son, Ronald Peters of Grand Haven; six grandchildren; a stepson and his wife, Dr. Brian and Darlene Hitsman of Evanston, Ill.; three stepdaughters, Valerie Caugh of Tampa, Fla., Lori Snyder of Texarkanna, Ark., and Sarah and Josh Meinika of Albion; and seven stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Gerald Peters.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 8, 2009, from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Faith United Methodist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leon Pomeroy.

Burial will be at Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven, Mich.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Michele Graddy

ALBION — Graveside services for Michele Lee (Reichard) Graddy, 41, of Fishers, will be today at 2:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Roy Armstrong

LIGONIER — Roy W. "Bill" Armstrong, 67, of Ligonier died Saturday, July 4, 2009 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Aug. 1 at Kenney Park in Ligonier.

Midwest Cremation Society and Funeral Chapel, Fort Wayne, is handling arrangements.

Martha Klavinski

BRONSON, Mich. — Martha J. Klavinski, 90, of Bronson, died early Monday morning, July 6, 2009, at Maple Lawn Medical Care facility in Coldwater.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson. Prayers before Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Calling will be at Kolcz Funeral Home from 2-8 p.m. today with a Rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Bronson Volunteer Fire Department or Bronson High School baseball program.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 7, 2009, Tuesday

Carmen Mahnesmith

SOUTH BEND — Carmen D. Mahnesmith, 85, of South Bend, IN passed away at 2:30 a.m., Saturday, July 4, 2009, in his daughter's home. He was born March 13, 1924, in Albion, IN to the late Willis and Ruth (Hornsher) Mahnesmith. On June 26, 1944, in Albion, IN he married Violet Marian Noe. who preceded him in death on December 15, 2008.

Mr. Mahnesmith is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Mahnesmith (Dr. Thomas) Johnson of Auburn, IN and Dr. Carolyn (Dan) Balog of South Bend, IN; a son, Dr. Randolph C. (Kathy) Mahnesmith of Fishersville, VA: five grandchildren, Gregory (Dr. April) Johnson, JD of Avon, IN, Randolph (Lia) Johnson of Columbus, OH, Dr. Staci-Marie (David) Norman of South Bend, IN, Dr. Natali Marian (Marc Wenkus) Balog of South Bend, IN, and Ethan Randolph Mahnesmith of Washington, DC; four great grandchildren, Samantha Violet Johnson, Riley David Norman, Calla-Marie Norman and Amelia Marian Wenkus; one sister, Betty Jo Saggars of Ligonier, IN; and one brother, Lee H. Mahnesmith of Terre Haute, IN. His grandson, Matthew Martin Mahnesmith, two sisters, Mary Kathryn Stump and Sara Jane Conrad, and one brother, Berton W. Mahnesmith, preceded him in death.

During World War II, Carmen served his country aboard the USS Charger. He worked for 42 years as a Depot Supervisor for Liquid Carbonic Corp., retiring in 1986. An accomplished swimmer, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons, gardening and being the family storyteller. Mr. Mahnesmith treated his in-laws as though they were his own family. Together with his wife of 64 years, Violet, Carmen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, South Bend. Carmen lived his life as a loving, caring, tender and true "gentle" man supportive of his wife and family. He was the strongest and most humble of men.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2009, in the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend. Rev. Lindsey Carnes from the First Presbyterian Church will officiate. Burial will follow in Sweet Cemetery, Albion, IN. Friends are invited to visit with the family and share their memories of Carmen from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday and at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service Tuesday in the funeral home.

Contributions may be offered to the First Presbyterian Church, Youth and Music Ministry, 333 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46601, or to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637. Online condolences may be made at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Marilyn Bruick

ANGOLA — Marilyn R. Bruick, 79, of Lake James and formerly of Fort Wayne, was called to her eternal home Sunday, July 5, 2009, at New Haven Care & Rehabilitation Center.

Born in New Haven, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Elsie Kohlenberg. She was a member of Lake George Lutheran Chapel and former member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven.

Mrs. Bruick

Jake and Marilyn were the former owners/operators of 3 Kings Restaurant in Hoagland, Roanoke Village Inn, and Lake George Retreat for 25 years. She retired in 2008 as the restaurant manager for the Indiana Auto Auction with over 20 years of service. She had a liver transplant in 1997.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, George "Jake" Bruick; children; Steve (Mary Drews) Bruick of Fort Wayne, Sharon (Gary) Standerfer of Noblesville, Tom (Patti) Bruick of Angola, Scott (Jan) Bruick of Seward, Neb., Kristie (Brad) Sombke of Noblesville, and George (Elizabeth) Bruick of Bakersfield, Calif.; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Carole Ann Kohlenberg.

Service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Stan Temme officiating. Calling is also 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 State Road 930 E., New Haven. Burial in Emanuel Lutheran Cemetery, New Haven. Preferred memorials are to Lake George Lutheran Chapel Building Fund.

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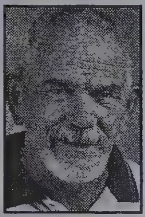
Tom Steele

KIMMELL — Tom Steele, 61, of Kimmell died Sunday, July 5, 2009, at 11:10 p.m. at his residence. He passed away after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 14, 1947, in Norton, Va., to Junis and Helen (Brickey) Steele.

He married Rita Shisler on July 3, 1976, and she survives.


Mr. Steele

Mr. Steele moved to the area at the age of 20, coming from Norton, Va. He was a custodian at the West Noble School Corporation for over 12 years and had worked for Kimmel Bulldozing for several years.

He was member of the V.F.W. in Wolf Lake and former member of the Ligonier Eagles. He was an officer at the Kimmell Baseball League. He loved to umpire and attend ball games. Tom was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and trap. He served his country honorably in the Army during Vietnam from 1967-1969 in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Surviving are his wife, Rita Steele of Kimmell; four children, Kenna (Matt) Cross of Albion, Travis (Stacy) Steele of Kimmell, Toby Steele of Fishers and Gavin Steele of Franklin and his fiancee, Allison Niespodziany; two grandsons: Walker and Trevor; his mother, Helen Steele of Ligonier; four brothers, Glen (Flo) Steele of Ligonier, Gary (Pat) Steele of Cromwell, Randy Steele of Ligonier and Kevin Steele of Albion; and one sister, Mary Steele of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Pastor Jim Barnes will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 8, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to Kimmell Baseball-Softball League, P.O. Box 51, Kimmell, IN 46760.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Kitty Starbuck

AUBURN — Kitty W. Starbuck, 58, of Auburn, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Joseph Hospital Burn Unit or Auburn Fire Department.

Walter Penzin

HARVEST, Ala. — Walter W. Penzin, 66, of Harvest, Ala., died, Saturday, July 4, 2009, at Huntsville Hospital.

Mr. Penzin retired from 20 years in the U.S. Army as a chief warrant officer and a helicopter pilot with 32 air medals. He served two tours in the Vietnam. He retired from the U.S. Department of Defense, Redstone Arsenal.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Penzin of Harvest; two daughters, Christine (Byron) Burdett and Kim Thompson (Steve) Rollins, both of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Melissa (Greg) Hardy of Madison and Julie (Ben) Hovey and Cindy (Tim) Turvin both of Monrovia; 14 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a sister, Caramay (Robert) Koble of Fort Wayne; a brother, Curtis (Cheri) Penzin of Marianna, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Penzin was preceded in death by his parents, William and Betty Penzin.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 12 noon-2 p.m. at Madison Chapel Funeral Home. Madison, Ala. A graveside service will follow immediately at Huntsville Memory Gardens with full military honors.

An online register may be signed at www.madisonchapelfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 7, 2009, Tuesday

David Williams

HAMILTON — David A. Williams, 68, of Hamilton died Thursday, July 2, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Williams was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for six years and delivered trailers for Hoosier RV, Bristol. He retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service.

He was born Aug. 15, 1940, in Anderson to Dale and Martha Jane (Hunt) Williams. On Jan. 29, 1998, he married Linda A. Clark, who survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, John David and Dee Williams of Indianapolis, Russell Dale Williams of Greencastle, Brian and Kathy Fox of Huntertown and Scott Fox of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a brother, Joe Williams of the Indianapolis area; three sisters, Diane Martinez and Susan Boyles, both of Indianapolis, and Nancy Yeiter of Crawfordsville; and eight grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a daughter, Debra Williams; she preceded him May 14, 1979.

Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, with the Rev. Tim Terrell and Angola American Legion Post 31 officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society or Project Help.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Cynthia Hoover

EDGERTON, Ohio — Cynthia L. Hoover, 55, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at 10:05 p.m. in her home after an extended illness.

She was member of the Montpelier, Ohio, Eagles and Moose lodges and had been employed by A-Stamp in Bryan, Ohio, prior to her illness.

She was born May 25, 1954, in Auburn, the daughter of David and Imogene (Conley) Heyman.

She is survived by two sons, Donnie Edgar of Kendallville and John Edgar of Edgerton, Ohio; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Deeandra Holtzberg of St. Joe, Tina Staley in Florida, and Michelle Perry of New Port Richey, Fla.; three brothers, David Heyman, of Goshen, Nick Heyman of Kendallville and Tim Heyman of Butler; and her mother and stepfather, Imogene and Raymond Tracey of New Port Richey, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father, David Heyman, and two sisters, Tamara L. Reichmann and Laurie Degan.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Church of Christ in St. Joe. Burial will follow in St. Joe Cemetery.

Krill Funeral Service of Edgerton, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

Cal Davis Jr.

AUBURN — Cal Davis Jr., 43, of Auburn died Monday, July 6, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Davis worked for the Auburn Foundry for 17 years. He attended the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn.

He was born Dec. 18, 1965, in Auburn to Cal Davis Sr. and Carley Lee (Back) Davis. His father survives in Auburn, and his mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew Davis of Corunna and Mathew Davis of Corunna; one brother and sister-in-law, John P. and Pam Davis of Sweetwater, Tenn.; one sister, Wilma Davis of Auburn; two nephews; and one niece.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Davis; and one sister, Cathy Davis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Duane Grady officiating. Burial will be in Swan Cemetery, LaOtto.

Calling will be Thursday from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Margaret Jensen

LAKE TOXAWAY, N.C. — Margaret (Mardell) Jensen, 88, of Lake Toxaway, N.C., died June 22, 2009, at home following a lengthy Illness.

She was born May 25, 1921, in LaCrosse, Wis., the daughter of the late J.C. and Itha (Brown) Jensen.

After graduating from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, she became an advertising executive in Chicago and San Francisco. She later retired to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and lived in North Carolina for the past 30 years. She was a supporter of numerous wildlife rights organizations and an avid sports enthusiast.

She is survived by special friends, Pat Ray and Martha Chambless, both of Lake Toxaway, N.C.; cousins, Della Berg of LaCrosse, Wis., and Cynthia Gaylord of California; and many friends in Lake Toxaway whose friendship and devotion have been such an inspiration in the last months of her life.

A memorial service in memory of Margaret's life was held in Lake Toxaway, N.C., and a graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Mary Jane Melchi

GRABILL — Mary Jane Melchi, 83, died June 4, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 8, 2009, Wednesday

Ruth Baysinger

AUBURN — Ruth A. Baysinger, 84, of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Baysinger worked in the production department for Sheller Globe in Grabill. She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Mishawaka to Russell D. and Goldie (Kalb) Traster. They preceded her in death.

She married Carl Baysinger on July 18, 1942, in Butler, and he died on June 15, 1988.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Clarence Baysinger of Oklahoma, David and Marcia Baysinger of Auburn, Jack and Pat Baysinger of Auburn and Chris and Lap Baysinger of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria Clark of Auburn, Carolyn and Ed Linder of Hamilton, and Phyllis Smith and Greggory Smith Sr. of Waterloo; 25 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, George Traster, and one stepbrother, Fred Schick.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Erin Peoples

MIDDLEBURY — Erin O'Dell Peoples, 52, of Middlebury died Monday, July 6, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with burial at a later date.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Carol Howell

ANGOLA — Carol Ann Howell, 70, of Angola died Monday, July 6, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Private services are planned. Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Delford Zarse

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Delford Duane Zarse, 73, died Thursday, July 2, 2009, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service, 1222 Morgan Ave., Corpus Christi, is handling arrangements.

Roy Armstrong

LIGONIER — Roy W. "Bill" Armstrong, 67, of Ligonier, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, at home.

He was born Nov. 28, 1941, to Roy M. and Wanda Armstrong in Ward, W.Va.

Surviving are his wife, Patti; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Sara Armstrong of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Jay Jackson of Attica; a stepdaughter, Heather Marquez of Goshen; two sisters and spouses, Patricia and Bill Sprague of Ligonier and Mary Armstrong Smith and Mike Smith of Indianapolis; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Bryce.

Services will take place Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. at Kenney Park, Ligonier.

Arrangements are by the Midwest Cremation Society and Funeral Chapel, Fort Wayne.

We are so thankful for all the expressions of sympathy and support that we received during the past difficult days. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

May the Lord bless all of you for your prayers and friendship.

The family of
Margaret L. (Peg) Waring

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Forrest Brattain

PALATINE, Ill. — Forrest Charles Brattain, 93, of Palatine, Ill., died on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008.

Mr. Brattain was born in Garrett on May 27, 1915, to Charles and Clara (Hay) Brattain and grew up in Spencerville. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Ardelle Marge Wisel on Nov. 30, 1946, in Spencerville.

He was employed for 33 years as a metallurgist with International Harvester in Fort Wayne.

He was a licensed aviation pilot since 1931. During World War II, as a civilian, Forrest was appointed by the U.S. government as an airplane inspector based out of Baer Field. He was an avid supporter of flying interests and activities. He personally owned four different planes in Auburn and also rebuilt several planes. Forrest was an avid big game hunter and enjoying fishing. He also built three homes on his own.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marge Brattain of Palatine; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Alice Brattain of Wisdom, Mont.; a two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jack Bovenmyer of Palatine and Sybil and Al Marshall of Angola; grandchildren, Dave and Marcy Edwards of Mount Vernon, Ill., and Jody and Dan Dodson of Palatine; great-grandchildren, Chloe Edwards and Riley and Logan Dodson; a sister, Marvella Dilley of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Farver.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith of Angola and Paul Friend officiating. Burial will in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville assisted with arrangements.

Jacqueline Krock

AVILLA — Jacqueline Lou Krock, 68, died Monday, July 6, 2009, at 12:36 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with burial following the service at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Elizabeth Wagler

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Elizabeth Betty Jean Wagler, 79, died Monday, July 6, 2009, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

She was born Feb. 2, 1930, in Grabill, the daughter of Menno and Elizabeth (Eicher) Graber.

She married Wilmer Wagler in 1951.

She was a member of the Hicksville Mennonite Church; an avid gardener and loved sewing and reading.

She is survived by six sons: Daniel (Donna) of Auburn, William (Linda) of Hicksville, Ohio, Menno (Ada) of Hudson, Joe (Kathy) of Sarasota, Fla., James (Abagail) of Fremont and Michael (Tanya) of Hudson; three daughters, Mary (Kenny) Crites of Hicksville, Ohio, Julia (Kenny) Wallace of Nashville, Tenn., and Hannah (Dwayne) Weaver of Whittier, N.C.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Ada Troyer of Orrville, Ohio; and a brother, Jacob Ray Graber of Jamesport, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2006; a son, Wilmer Jr.; a daughter, Elizabeth; a sister, Ruth Ilene; and two brothers, Melvin and infant Sylvan Leon.

Funeral services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Hicksville Mennonite Church.

Visitation is at the Hicksville Mennonite Church Gymnasium today from 5-8 p.m. and Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery in Farmer Township, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Hicksville Mennonite Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Albion, IN
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Phyllis P. Miller, 90

COLUMBIA CITY — Phyllis P. Miller, age 90, a lifelong resident of rural Columbia City, Indiana, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, in her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Phyllis was born December 18, 1918, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, a daughter of the late Paul and Alta (Hawk) Egolf.

She was a graduate of Churubusco High School with the class of 1936, and had worked as a seamstress at the Blue Bell in Columbia City until her marriage to John H. Miller on June 26, 1940.

Her memberships include the Blue River Church of the Brethren, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, Bible school teacher, organist, and church camp counselor.

She enjoyed knitting, working in the yard and with flowers.

Mrs. Miller volunteered at the Whitley County Hospital.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law; Dianna and Bob Green of LaOtto, Indiana; a brother, Roger Egolf of Fort Wayne, Indiana; a sister, Beatrice Leitch of Churubusco, Indiana; and grandchildren, Richard "Rick" (Paula) Green of Churubusco, Indiana, Anita (Scot) Green-Martin of LaOtto, Indiana, and Matthew (Kim) Green of Avilla, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John, on October 25, 1971; a daughter, Jeanette I. Miller in 1958; three sisters, Elizabeth Orcutt, Mary Jo Kennedy and Corrine Carig; and a brother, Norman Egolf.

Funeral services were held in the Blue River Church of the Brethren, Columbia City, Indiana, with Pastor Craig Alan Myers officiating.

Burial followed in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Indiana.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Mission Fund at Blue River Church of the Brethren. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home and church.

To leave a condolence for the family you may log onto www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Kelly L. Smith, 41

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kelly L. Smith, 41, of Wolcottville drowned Saturday, June 27, while swimming at Dallas Lake.

Mrs. Smith and her husband, Jeff, had lived in Kimmell for 15 years before moving to Westler Lake five years ago.

She had been a Title 1 reading teacher for the past two years at Wolcott Mills Elementary School in Wolcottville and Lima-Brighton Elementary School in Howe.

Mrs. Smith was a 2006 graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ.

Mrs Smith enjoyed boating, swimming, gardening, collecting lighthouses and playing ball with her dog, Sheba.

She was born April 11, 1968, in Auburn to Roger Ransom and Judith McBride. Her father survives in Leesburg and her mother, Judy (McBride) Dietsch, survives in Edgerton, Ohio.

She married Jeffrey L. Smith on July 23, 1988, at the Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Anthony A. Smith of Wolcottville; a daughter, Jessica J. Smith of Wolcottville; two brothers, Roger McBride of St. Joe and Lamar Dietsch of Hicksville, Ohio; and two sisters, Brenda Patton of Hamilton and Kim Houltan of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Daniel and Alma Ransom and Ray and Esther McBride.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 2, at LaGrange First Church of God in LaGrange with Pastor Brad Cook and Pastor Nancy Warren officiating. Burial was in Wolcottville Cemetery at Wolcottville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 8, 2009, Wednesday

Tom Steele, 61

KIMMELL – Tom Steele, age 61, of Kimmell, IN passed away Sunday July 5, 2009, at 11:10 PM, at his residence.

Tom moved to the area at the age of 20 coming from Norton, Virginia.

He was a custodian at the West Noble School Corporation for over 12 years and had worked for Kimmel Bulldozing for several years.

Tom was a member of the V.F.W. in Wolf Lake and former member of the Ligonier Eagles. He was an officer at the Kimmell Baseball League. He loved to umpire and attend ball games. He was an avid Cubs fan.

Tom was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and trap. He served his country honorably in the Army during Vietnam from 1967-1969 in the 82nd Airbourne Division.

He was born December 14, 1947 to Junis and Helen (Brickey) Steele. He married Rita Shisler on July 3, 1976. She survives.

Surviving are four children; Kenna (Matt) Cross of Albion, IN, Travis (Stacy) Steele of Kimmell, IN, Toby Steele of Fishers, IN, Gavin (His Fiance, Allison Niespodziany) Steele of Franklin, IN; two grandsons; Walker and Trevor; Mother; Helen Steele of Ligonier, IN; four brothers; Glen (Flo) Steele of Ligonier, IN, Gary (Pat) Steele of Cromwell, IN, Randy Steele of Ligonier, IN, Kevin Steele of Albion, IN; one sister; Mary Steele of Ligonier, IN. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in law, Roger (Wendy) Shisler, Balston Spa, NY, Renee Dodson, Albion, Rex (Kathy) Shisler, Albion, Harry (Nancy) Neff, Topeka, Ned (Lisa) Shisler, Albion, Gary (Norma) Watson, Gas City, Gilbert (Nelda) Owen, Albion, and Tim (Carol) Lock, Albion; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Junis Steele and his mother and father-in-law, Duane and Alice Shisler..

Funeral services will be at 10 AM Thursday July 9, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Jim Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cememtery, Kimmell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kimmell Baseball-Softball League, P.O. Box 51, Kimmell, IN 46760.

Delford Zarse, 73

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX – Delford Duane Zarse, 73, passed away on July 2, 2009 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

He was a plumber for the majority of his life.

He is survived by five children, Karen E. Simmons of Corpus Christi, Texas, Delford "Bud" Duane Zrse, Jr. of Syracuse, IN, E. Rose Sabin of Carmel, IN, Richard Otto Zarse of Leesburg, IN and Sherrie C. Anderson of Cromwell, IN; his companion, Vurla Willeford of Corpus Christi, TX; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Michele Graddy, 41

ALBION – Graveside services were held July 7, 2009 at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion for Michele Graddy from Fishers, IN.

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July 8, 2009, Wednesday

Carmen Mahnesmith, 85

SOUTH BEND– Carmen D. Mahnesmith, 85, of South Bend, IN passed away July 5, 2009 at his daughter's home.

He was born March 13, 1924, in Albion, IN to the late Willis and Ruth (Homsher) Mahnesmith.

He married Violet Marian Noe on June 26, 1944, in Albion. She passed away in December of 2008.

Carmen served his country aboard the USS Charger during World War II.

He worked for 42 years as a Depot Supervisor for Liquid Carbonic Corp., retiring in 1986.

He enjoyed swimming, hunting and fishing with his sons, gardening and being the family storyteller. He lived his life as a loving caring, tender and true "gentle" man suppoortive of his wife and family while being the strongest and most humble of men.

He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian Church in South Bend.

He is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Mahnesmith (Dr. Thomas) Johnson of Auburn, IN and Dr. Carolyn (Dan) Balog of South Bend, IN; a son, dr. Randolph C. (Kathy) Mahnesmith of Fishersville, VA; five grandchildren, Gregory (Dr. April) Johnson, JD of Avon, IN, Randolph (Lia) Johnson of Columbus, OH, Dr. Staci-Marie (David) Norman of South Bend, IN, Dr. Natali Marian (Marc Wenkus) Balog of South Bend, IN and Ethan Randolph Mahnesmith of Washington, D.C.; four great grandchildren, Samantha violet Johnson, Riley David Norman, Calla-Marie Norman and Amelia Marian Wenkus; one sister, Betty Jo Saggars of Ligonier, IN and one brother, Lee H. Mahnesmith of Terre Haute, IN.

He was preceded in death by his grandson Matthew Martin Mahnesmith, two sisters, Mary Kathryn Stump and Sara Jane Conrad and one brother Berton W. Mahnesmith.

Services were held July 7, 2009 at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel in South Bend. The Rev. Lindsey Carnes from the First Presbyterian Church officiated.

Burial took place in Sweet Cemetery in Albion, IN.

Contributions may be offered to the First Presbyterian Church, Youth and Music Ministry, 333 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46601, or to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637. Online condolences may be made at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 8, 2009, Wednesday

Vernon George Peters, 78

KENDALLVILLE – Vernon George Peters, age 78, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, July 5, 2009 at his residence in Kendallville. A resident of Kendallville since 1988, Mr. Peters was born in Grand Haven, Michigan on December 17, 1930 to Gerald P. and Esther Ma (Deremo) Peters. He graduated from Grand Haven High School and entered the United States Army serving his country from 1955-1957. His battalion served state side in the Los Angeles area during the Cold War Era.

The "Nike" battalion was one of eight with guided missile battalions that protected the United States.

He married Karen Jean Arkema-Hitsman on August 11, 1990 in Grand Haven, Michigan. Mr. Peters was an engineering manager and employed with Albion Wire in Kendallville and Gardner-Denver in Grand Haven. He retired in 1996 after 13 years with Albion Wire.

Vernon was a sports fan and he enjoyed watching sporting events of all kinds.

He also enjoyed his flower gardens. He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: wife, Karen Peters of Kendallville; two daughters, Jan (Dave) Hodge of Grand Haven, Michigan Kay Schatz of Benton Harbor, Michigan; two sons, Steven Peters of Nunica, Michigan, Ronald Peters of Grand Haven; six grandchildren; stepson, Dr. Brian (Darlene) Hitsman of Evanston, Illinois; three stepdaughters, Valerie Caugh of Tampa, Florida, Lori Snyder of Texarkanna, Arkansas, and Sarah (Josh) Meinika of Albion, Indiana; seven stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James Gerald Peters.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 11:00am at Faith United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leon Pomeroy.

Burial will be at Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven, Michigan.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

The family of Norma Dull would like to extend their deep appreciation to those who sent cards, flowers, memorials, food and other expressions of sympathy during our time of loss. Also your kindness and concern during Norma's illness meant so much. A special thank you to the Whitley County Hospice staff for your caring support during a very difficult time. Also our thanks go out to the ladies of Asbury Methodist Church for preparing a delicious dinner for our family. We are so blessed to live in such a caring community.

Lester "Bud" Dull, Rick & Jo Dull
Jeff & Symantha Dull & family
Jenny McGuire & family

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July 9, 2009, Thursday

Lucille Whitman

ANGOLA — Lucille Whitman, 102, of Angola, died May 2, 2009 at her home.

Mrs. Whitman owned Rainbow Beauty Shop in Angola from 1939-1989, In Fashions in Butler, Ginger & Spice Ladies Fashions in Indianapolis and Danville, Village Garden in Kendallville and Phoenix Academy in Angola from 1960 to 1970.

Mrs. Whitman

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, National Hair Dressers and Cosmetology Association for 50 years, a Fashion Committee Hair America and Tri-State University Alumnus board member, past president of the Angola Chamber of Commerce, a 40-year member of the National Fashion, a member of Business & Professional Women and was named Woman of the Year in 1942, the Steuben County Women's Club, Steuben County Republican Women's Club, attended the U.S. American Official Tour to World Congress & Championships to Milan, Italy, and was involved in the 1942 first bill for equal pay for women that was sent to Congress.

She was born Dec. 23, 1906, in Pleasant Lake, to Frank A. and Myrtle A. Phillips. They preceded her in death.

She married Knight Whitman in September 1940, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Lou and James Ackerman of Cassopolis, Mich.; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

A memorial service will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lucille Whitman Foundation, in care of the Steuben Community Foundation.

Jacqueline Krock

AVILLA — Jacqueline Lou Krock, 68, died Monday, July 6, 2009, at 12:36 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallvile on Sept. 28, 1940, and was the daughter of Clyde and Betty (Trowbridge) Hart.

She was a cook at Provena Sacred Heart Home, and retired from there after 14 years of service.

She was known to everyone as "Granny" and loved spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking, reading, doing crafts and traveling.

Surviving are children, Kyle Krock of Avilla, James Krock Jr., of Kendallville, Jerry (Sue) Krock of Avilla, Jennifer Krock of Fort Wayne, and Jody (Nic) Richardson of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother, Terry (Carol) Hart of LaGrange; and her companion, James Krock Sr., of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Michael Hart.

Funeral services for Jacqueline will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial following the funeral service will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Serving as pallbearers will be Nic Richardson, Tyler Haynes, Greg Guthrie Jr., Frank and Duane Days, Derrick Krock, Gerry Yontz, and Tracy Lash.

Condolences may be left at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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July 9, 2009, Thursday

Carol Ann Howell

ANGOLA — Carol Ann Howell, 70, of Angola, died Monday, July 6, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Mrs. Howell was a speech pathologist for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

She attended Angola Christian Church and was a member of the National Education Association, the Retired Teachers' Association and the Angola Moose Lodge Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 4, 1939, in Calumet, Mich., to Walter and Louise J. (Richards) Knudsen.

She married John Howell on Dec. 22, 1962, and he survives in Angola.

Also surviving are her mother, Louise J. Knudsen of Angola; and a niece, Cheryl Donaldson Pham of Lutz, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Knudsen on Jan. 27, 1976, a sister, Mary Louise Donaldson, and a brother, Walter Knudsen Jr.

Private services will be conducted with burial in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Arrangements by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Erma Lake

WOLCOTTVILLE — Erma Anna Lake, 85, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church. Arrangements are by the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Patricia Goff

LAGRANGE — Patricia J. Goff, 71, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held at this time.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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July 10, 2009, Friday

Erma Lake

WOLCOTTVILLE — Erma Anna Lake, 85, of Wolcottville, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Lake was employed as a dietary aide at the Lutheran Home in Kendallville for many years before retiring in 1988.

Mrs. Lake

She was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, on June 25, 1924, to William and Alvina Eleanore (Stamm) Muntzinger.

She married Howard J. Lake on Feb. 14, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and he survives in Pretty Lake, rural Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, June and Richard Kuhn of Kendallville and Joyce and Doug Eldridge of Goshen; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Schumm of Toledo, Ohio, and Jeff and Rena Schumm of Kendallville; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters, Cindy Hundt of Milwaukee, Wis., and Beth Volosin of North Lima, Ohio; and four stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Paul Schumm, whom she married on March 28, 1948, in St. John Lutheran Church, Convoy, Ohio, and who died April 20, 1993; three brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Nile Mayer

BRONSON, Mich. — Nile L. Mayer, 59, of Bronson died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo following a short illness.

Services are private, with burial in Trayer Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the Kolcz Funeral Home from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday. Memorials are to the Branch County Habitat for Humanity.

Jason Harper

FORT WAYNE — Jason Wesley Harper, 34, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at the Indiana University Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Indianapolis.

Services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Goad Funeral Home in Scottsville, Ky. Burial will be in Clifton Cemetery.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home. A memorial service will be held at DeKalb High School at a later date..

Memorials are to the IU Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

Jerry Keener

BUTLER — Jerry Lee Keener, 76, died Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

Private family services will be held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 11, 2009, Saturday

Inmate death

Suicide ruled in jail incident in LaGrange County

BY MATT GETTS
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LAGRANGE — The LaGrange County Coroner's Office has ruled the death of an inmate at the LaGrange County Jail Thursday night to have been a suicide.

Jail officers found Roger D. Fulks, 37, of rural Shipshewana unresponsive inside of his cell at 11:14 p.m. Thursday.

According to a press release from the Indiana State Police, jail staff immediately notified LaGrange County EMS and began resuscitation efforts. Fulks was pronounced dead at 11:24 p.m. by EMS officials.

Indiana State Police Detective Jeff Boyd said the coroner's office ruled the cause of death as "asphyxia due to hanging," after an autopsy was performed Friday at the Northeast Indiana Forensic Center.

According to Boyd, jail staff performs hourly checks on inmates, and Fulks had been checked by jail staff less than an hour before he was found Thursday night.

Fulks had been incarcerated in the jail's regular cellbock and had not given any indication that he was suicidal, Boyd said. Fulks was in a single-inmate cell at the jail, having been moved there at his request.

Boyd said all inmates had been locked down for the night, and Fulks' cell door was locked.

"No one else had access to him," Boyd said. "No foul play is suspected."

Fulks was being held on a charge of failure to appear for misdemeanor driving while suspended. He was also held for authorities in St. Joseph County Michigan on a probation violation for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

David Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — David Jackson, 63, died Thursday evening, July 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

William Geiser

AUBURN — William Geiser, 78, of Auburn died Thursday July 9, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Garrett on Sept. 13, 1930, to William A. and Velma (Miller) Geiser.

He was an Engineer for Conrail for 31 years before retiring in 1981. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954. He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

Mr. Geiser

He married Jeanne Frank on June 24, 1951 in Auburn and she survives. Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Brenda Geiser of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Randy Swank of Auburn, a sister Peg Ellert of Auburn, seven grandchildren, Aris Fought, Jessica Swank, Haley Drerup, Allison Graber, Ashley Geiser, Sean Geiser and Audra Geiser; and two great-grandchildren, Ayden and Avery Drerup.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 12, 2009, Sunday

Family topped list for busy woman

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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GARRETT — Peg Waring kept busy throughout her life, but her family came at the top of her list, relatives said.

She died June 19 at the age of 78.

Mrs. Waring and her husband of nearly 55 years, Richard, moved from New York state to the north edge of Garrett in 1963. She became heavily involved in the Spinning Spools Quilt Guild and was a member of the women of the American Legion, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Auburn Garden Club. She also had been a Boy Scout and Girl Scout leader and led the 4-H Horse and Pony Club for a number of years.

"Mom came here with no one, and she made friends — deep, good friends," said her eldest daughter, Bridget Beber.

But all of her activities couldn't distract her from the most important thing in her life.

"Her family really was her life," Richard Waring said. "Any of the activities that her grandchildren did, why, she always wanted to be involved. She built her life around her four children and grandchildren."

Her four children and their spouses — daughter and son in-law, Bridget and Paul Beber of Auburn; son and daughter in-law, Richard Jr. and Deborah Waring of Kimmel; daughter and son in-law, Nanette and Scott Batey of Pleasant Lake and son and daughter in-law Henry and Diana Waring of Avilla — and her 11 grandchildren — Candace, Edward and Margaret Beber; Richard "Trey" Waring III, Kellie Waring, Colton Batey, Henry Waring Jr., Amelia, Seth, Lydia and Eric Waring — all live within 50 miles of the family farm west of Auburn.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Peg Waring smiles with her youngest grandchild, Colton Waring. Mrs. Waring died June 19.

"We were blessed, because we are all pretty close here," Richard Waring said.

"She was devoted. Everything was for us," Beber said. "She was always kind, yet strict if she had to be, and very loving, and we lacked for nothing."

Beber said her mother could do everything needed on a farm, and often ran the farm while Richard Waring was away.

"She could shovel manure with you all day, or bale hay, or drive a tractor, and then she could go in and make a chocolate tort cake with carmel dressing that would make your mouth water," Beber said. "She was wonderful. There wasn't anything she couldn't do — till a field, paint a house, sew, cook, can."

Peg Waring also was a gifted seamstress, Beber said. She made most of the clothes for her children, including Beber's first communion dress and veil, which Bebers' daughters also wore for their first communions.

Peg Waring loved animals, from the large livestock to the dogs and cats on the farm.

"She would come out and help us take care of our large livestock. She instilled a love of animals. If we had a sick kitty, she could fix it," Beber said. "Mom was a tiny little person, but when she got ahold of a horse, I tell you, that horse behaved."

She also had geese that she loved and would hand-feed.

"Anyone else, they would peck the tar out of you," Beber said.

The only animals Peg Waring didn't like were snakes.

"If she had her hoe in her hand, she'd get that snake," Beber said. "You got out of her way if there was a snake around and she had her hoe. For a little person, she could move and she was tough."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 12, 2009, Sunday

Barton German

GROVE CITY, Ohio — Barton I. German, 86, passed away Friday, July 10, 2009, at home.

He was born on Sept. 13, 1922, in Orland, Ind., to the late Paul F. and Willetta R. German. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his siblings, Lucille (Paul) Wyatt, and Lloyd (Paula) German. Barton was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during WWII in the Signal Core.

Mr. German

He retired from Ohio Bell after 30 years of service. He was a member of Registrar Unit of the Aladdin Temple Shrine, the Luther B. Turner Masonic Lodge 732, and the Telephone Pioneers. Barton also coached the Georgian Heights Little League.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Gladys M. (nee Green) German; children, Patricia (Bob) Keel, Gary (Jacki) German, and Bradley (Carolyn) German; and grandchildren, Lindsay, Ivy, and Matthew German, and Michelle Hudnell.

Visitation will be Monday, July 13, 2009. from 4-8 p.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home, Southwest Chapel, 3393 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio. Funeral services will be Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Douglas Nault officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to HomeReach Hospice, 3595 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

To leave a special message for the family, visit www.NewcomerColumbus.com.

David Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — David Alan Jackson, 63, of Kendallville and recently of Angola, died on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jackson was born in Fort Wayne on July 23, 1945, to Jay Boyd and Phyllis Ann (Fagan) Jackson.

He was a Vietnam veteran, serving his country in the United States Army.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 86 and the V.F.W. Francis Vinyard Post No. 2749 both in Kendallville.

He owned and operated Carpet Discount of Kendallville for about 15 years and before that D&J Custom Flooring in Fort Wayne since about 1971.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Ann Jackson of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Kim Jackson of Fort Wayne, and Todd Jackson and Patty McCoy both of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Steve and Judy Jackson of Fremont, and Mike Jackson of Kendallville; four sisters Karen Ward of Angola, Susan Gumm of Terre Haute, Kathy Spurgeon of Columbus, Ohio, and Joyce Beck of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Tim Jackson in 2004.

Visitation will be Tuesday, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral. Burial will be at Lehman Cemetery in Payne, Ohio with military honors.

Preferred Memorials may be made to to the family.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at the Veterans Funeral Care Provider - Hite Funeral Home www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Weatherly

KOKOMO — Marjorie E. Weatherly, 85, of Kokomo died Friday, July 10, 2009 at her home.

Services will be held at Ellers Mortuary on South Webster St. Tuesday, with calling from 12 to 2 p.m. with burial at Sunset Memory Gardens immediately following.

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Kathryn Parker

AUBURN — Kathryn E. Parker, 90, of Auburn died Friday, July 10, 2009, following a very short stay at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Parker had been employed by Auburn Federal Savings and Loan and then at Rolf Heating and Air Conditioning in Ft. Wayne before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, and was active in their Grace Circle and was Past President of the First United Methodist Church Women's Group.

She was born Nov. 18, 1918, in Coldwater, Michigan, to John and Hazel (Dunham) St. Clair. They both preceded her in death.

She married John R. "Bob" Parker on March 14, 1947, in Coldwater, Mich., and he passed away Nov. 28, 1991.

Surviving are one son John C. Parker and companion, Beth Scheimann, of Simpsonville, S.C.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa I. Parker and Bob Zlasney of Gurnee, Illinois, and Lorene K. and Mark Thiele of Auburn; one sister and brother-in-law, Lorene and Leland "Red" Zeiter of Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren, Andrew Thiele, Erin Thiele, and Nicole Thiele all of Auburn, Bobby Parker (wife Rhonda) of Peoria, Illinois, and Kathryn A. Parker of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and two great grandchildren, Mackenzie and Cecelia Parker of Peoria, Illinois.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2009, at Feller-Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will follow at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater, Michigan.

Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday, July 12, 2009, from 2-5 p.m. and also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Memorials may be directed to the John R. and Kathryn Parker Scholarship Fund through the First United Methodist Church, 1203 East Seventh St., Auburn, or St. Martins Health Care Services Inc., 1359 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Cordelia May

WATERLOO — Cordelia L. "Corky" May, 85, of Waterloo died Friday, July 10, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the funeral service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn.

Jack Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Berhalter, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 6:05 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

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Jack Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Berhalter, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 1, 2009, at 6:05 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Berhalter

Mr. Berhalter, a lifetime area resident, had worked 25 years at Puritan Ice Cream, two years at Berhalter Furniture Store, eight years as head custodian at East Noble High School and 10 years at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941, and enjoyed participating on the reunion committee.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He served in Patton's Third Army and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Berhalter was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an usher for many years, Kendallville VFW Post 2749, and Kendallville American Legion Post 86. For many years he enjoyed attending his annual army reunion, which was held in many locations across the country.

He was born March 26, 1923, in Kendallville to Thurlow A. and Dessie Belle (Gloyd) Berhalter. On Nov. 18, 1945, he married Edith J. Froelich. She preceded him in death June 22, 1952. On Sept. 13, 1953, he married Betty J. Bailey.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J. Berhalter of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, T. Alan and Cindy Berhalter of Kendallville, and Dennis and Mary Berhalter of San Antonio, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and John Anible of Jenison, Mich., and Cheryl and Howard Mapes of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Tim and Sherry Berhalter of Kendallville, John Anible II of Jenison, Mich., Danielle Anible of Jenison, Mich., Jenny and Jason Pease of Kendallville, Tiffany and Robert Nichols of Kendallville, Katie Anible of Brooklyn, N.Y., Art and Kentrina Mapes of Kendallville, Laura Mapes of Auburn; 11 great grandchildren, Toni Berhalter, Derek Berhalter, Sierra Stout, Logan Pease, Kyndal Pease, Ashley Nichols, Becca Nichols, Kendaya Mapes, Tyler Mapes, Haydyn Mapes, Lucas Mapes; and a sister-in-law, Maxine Berhalter of Kendallille.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joe G. Berhalter on Feb. 4, 2007, a grandson Ty Alan Berhalter, and a great granddaughter Kensyngten Parks Mapes.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by Kendallville VFW Francis Vinyard Post 2749.

Casketbearers will be Tim Berhalter, John Anible II, Jason Pease, Robert Nichols, Art Mapes and Derek Berhalter.

Calling will be Tuesday, July 14, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, July 15, 2009, from 10-11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, an exclusive provider for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care."

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Common Grace.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

On July 12, 2009, at 2:45 PM, Kathy Young wrote:

Grant Arnold Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Grant Arnold, Jr., 66, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 12, 2009 in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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Cordelia May

WATERLOO — Cordelia L. "Corky" May, 85, of Waterloo died Friday, July 10, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. May was a secretary for Hamilton Schools for five years. She then served as secretary for the DeKalb County Extension Office for 26 years, retiring in 1985.

She was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and the Country Charm Homemakers Club.

She was born June 4, 1924, in Garrett to Herman and Selma (Griske) Diederich. She married Norbert May on Feb. 19,1946, in the St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Della May of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Timothy and Dori May of Maryville, Tenn.; one sister, Joan Swift of Hamilton; three grandchildren, Lauren and Joshua Ziolkowski, Andrea May and Aaron May; one great grandchild, Evan Ziolkowski; and two step grandsons, Christopher Hansley and Merrill Hansley, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Gene Diederich.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the funeral service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn.

Alta Hess

AVILLA — Alta Mae Hess, 89, of Avilla died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was an accountant and employed with Dana Corporation in Auburn for many years.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1938.

On Feb. 17, 1920, in Auburn, she was born to the late Frank and Maude (Boyden) Martin. She married George D. Hess in Auburn on June 18, 1938. He preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are two granddaughters. Melanie and Dean Timmerman, LaOtto; and Patti and Robert Burden, Fort Wayne; six great grandchildren; and two nephews, Delbert Martin of Butler, and Tom Tomkinson, Fort Wayne.

There are no services or calling.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences can be sent online to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kimberley Frye

ANGOLA — Kimberley D. (Mecklenburg) Frye, 52, of Angola, formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, July 11, 2009 at her Angola residence.

She has spent the past several years in the Angola area, having worked at many Angola area restaurants. She formerly attended St. Mary's Church in Bronson, and enjoyed spending time with her family, and being a grandmother.

On Jan. 3, 1957, in Sturgis, Mich., she was born to William and Rose (Bonfiglio) Mecklenburg.

Surviving are her longtime companion Larry Patton of Angola; her mother, Rose Mecklenburg, Bronson; three sons, Jeremy Christopher, Carl Christopher and Walter Frye; a daughter, Cheryl Mann; a brother, Jan Mecklenburg; a sister and brother-in-law, Robin and Mike Losinski, all of Bronson; and several grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, William, her brother, Terry Mecklenburg, and her sister Carol Robinson.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, 321 E. Chicago St., Bronson, Mich., with Deacon Gerald Smoker of St. Mary's Church officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Bronson.

Calling will be Tuesday, July 14, 2009 from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Marion Myers

WATERLOO — Marion B. "Mickey" Myers, 57, died Monday, July 13, 2009, at his home in Waterloo.

Mr. Myers was a self-employed salesman.

He was born April 2, 1952, in Paris, Ky., to Alga Kenneth Myers and Mabel (Berryman) Durham. They both preceded him in death.

He married Mary Lou Howard on March 15, 1975, in Clintwood, Va. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Baysinger of Waterloo, James Baysinger of Angola and K. Doug and Heather Myers of Orland; four daughters and a son-in-law, Tina and Randy Lannet of Mississippi, Shawn Myers of Fort Wayne, Becky King of North Carolina and Patricia Dominguez of North Carolina; 18 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Billy Hall of Kentucky and Ricky D. Myers of Kentucky; and one sister, Frances Fahl of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Honaker.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Mary Lou Myers.

Grant Arnold Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Grant Arnold Jr., 66, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 5:35 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Arnold

Mr. Arnold attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He was retired from Reliable Tool and Machine in Kendallville after 34 years of service, and enjoyed fishing.

He was born September 14, 1942, in Logan, West Virginia, to Lenora (Browning) Arnold and Grant Arnold Sr.

Surviving are two daughters, Crystal Phillips of Kendallville and Katherine Rose Arnold of Greensboro, North Carolina; two sons, Kevin Arnold of Kendallville and James S. Arnold of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Jeremy, Beth Anne, James, Patty, Judy, Jeffery, Joseph and Willis; three sisters, Judy Manns of Corunna, Geneva Simpson of Corunna and Charlotte Weller of Albion; and five brothers, Ramoes Arnold of Kendallville, Jeff Arnold of Kendallville, Nick Arnold of Kendallville, Willie Arnold of Stafford, Virginia, and Sonny Belcher of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ethel Arnold.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. in Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 321 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, with Pastor Terry Hinds of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Kevin Arnold, Sonny Belcher, Jeff Arnold, Nick Arnold, Ramoes Arnold and James Arnold.

Calling will be Wednesday, July 15, 2009, after 2 p.m. in Faith Freewill Baptist Church, Kendallville.

"In loving memory of Grant Arnold, Jr."

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,
And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.
I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
— by Robert Frost

"Grant always took the road less traveled."

Arrangements are being handled by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Berhalter, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 6:05 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mr. Berhalter

Mr. Berhalter, a lifetime area resident, had worked 25 years at Puritan Ice Cream, two years at Berhalter Furniture Store, eight years as head custodian at East Noble High School and 10 years at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941, and enjoyed participating on the reunion committee.

He was a World War II Army veteran. He served in Patton's Third Army and participated in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Berhalter was a member of St. John Lutheran Church where he served as an usher for many years, Kendallville VFW Post 2749, and Kendallville American Legion Post 86. For many years he enjoyed attending his annual Army reunion, which was held in many locations across the country.

He was born March 26, 1923, in Kendallville to Thurlow A. and Dessie Belle (Gloyd) Berhalter. On Nov. 18, 1945, he married Edith J. Froelich. She preceded him in death June 22, 1952. On Sept. 13, 1953, he married Betty J. Bailey.

Surviving are his wife, Betty J. Berhalter of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, T. Alan and Cindy Berhalter of Kendallville, and Dennis and Mary Berhalter of San Antonio, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and John Anible of Jenison, Mich., and Cheryl and Howard Mapes of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Tim and Sherry Berhalter of Kendallville, John Anible II of Jenison, Mich., Danielle Anible of Jenison, Mich., Jenny and Jason Pease of Kendallville, Tiffany and Robert Nichols of Kendallville, Katie Anible of Brooklyn, N.Y., Art and Kentrina Mapes of Kendallville, Laura Mapes of Auburn; 11 great-grandchildren, Toni Berhalter, Derek Berhalter, Sierra Stout, Logan Pease, Kyndal Pease, Ashley Nichols, Becca Nichols, Kendaya Mapes, Tyler Mapes, Haydyn Mapes, Lucas Mapes; and a sister-in-law, Maxine Berhalter of Kendallille.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joe G. Berhalter on Feb. 4, 2007; a grandson Ty Alan Berhalter; and a great-granddaughter, Kensyngten Parks Mapes.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Military graveside services will be provided by the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Tim Berhalter, John Anible II, Jason Pease, Robert Nichols, Art Mapes and Derek Berhalter.

Calling will be today, Tuesday, July 14, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, July 15, 2009, from 10-11 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Common Grace.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Howard

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Wayne N. Howard, 69, of Port Richey, Fla., died Friday, May 21, 2009, at Port Richey, Fla.

Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009, in Woodruff Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association in Mr. Howard's name.

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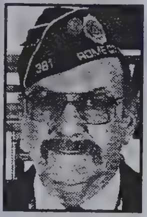
George Laur

KENDALLVILLE — George L. Laur, 84, of Kendallville, died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at his residence in Kendallville.


Mr. Laur

Mr. Laur was an independent insurance agent and owned Laur Insurance Service in Fort Wayne for more than 40 years.

He graduated from Hudson High School in Michigan in 1941.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946. He attained the rank of corporal and was an aircraft mechanic stationed at Base Air Depot No. 1.

Mr. Laur was Past Commander of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and member of Francis Vinyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 in Kendallville. He was also a member of the VFW funeral detail honor guard.

He was also a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He was born in Hudson, Mich., on Jan. 1, 1925, to Roy and Olive (Selleck) Laur. He married Sharon June Gorden on Nov. 3, 1979, at the Christ Church, Oak Brook, Ill. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Judge David Laur of Kendallville; a daughter, Barbara Ann Meyer of Portland, Ore.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Maurice Laur.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Military honors for Mr. Laur will be conducted at the church by honor guard members of American Legion Post 381 and VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Community Table or Fellowship Bible Church Building Fund.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Michael Thomas

GARRETT — Michael Anthony Thomas, 40, died Saturday, July 11, 2009, at his home in Garrett.

Mr. Thomas was a self-employed construction worker.

He was a member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Nov. 1, 1968, in Harriman, Tenn., to Roy and Mary Francis (Cottrell) Thomas. His father survives in Garrett and his mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his companion, Kassy Harter of Garrett; nine children, David Harter, Davannah Harter, Davon Harter, Danthony Harter and Damion Harter all of Garrett, and Kayla Jeffers, Shyanna Jeffers, Cody Jeffers, and Lexi Jeffers all of Tennessee; one sister, Michelle Thomas of Garrett; and one granddaughter.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St, Auburn, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in care of Roy Thomas.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 15, 2009, Wednesday

Barbara LaCross

LAOTTO — Barbara L. LaCross, 76, of LaOtto and formerly of Hazel Park, Mich., died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Hamilton House Assisted Living in Fort Wayne.

Ms. LaCross was a seamstress.

She was a member of the Voice of Deliverance Tabernacle Church in Kendallville.

She was born May 8, 1933, in Alma, Mich., to Theodore J. and Ruby A. (Hannafius) LaCross.

Surviving are three sisters-in-law, Diana LaCross of Dryden, Mich., Kathryn LaCross of Garrett and Betty Scott of Columbia City; a niece, Eileen Marks of Garrett; three great-nieces and nephews; five great-great-nieces and nephews; and a friend, Nancy Silva of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: William T. "Bill" LaCross and Robert LaCross; and a great-great-nephew.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. Joel Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Donnabelle Witham

LAGRANGE — Donnabelle Witham, 84, of Topeka died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Witham had lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Solomon Creek United Methodist Church in Benton, Ind.

Mrs. Witham was born Feb. 21, 1925, in Stroh to Oscar W. and Mildred (Stienbarger) Lower. She married John E. Witham Sr. on April 16, 1940, in Stroh. He preceded her in death March 8, 1996.

Surviving are seven daughters and four sons-in-laws, Connie Majors of Augusta, Ark., Drema Witham of LaGrange,Donna Diann Witham of Topeka, Leann and Jim O'Quinn of Hudson, Cindy and Robert Barrand of Orland, Bobbi Jo and Ronald Alford of Auburn and Paula and Bill Osbun of Topeka; two sons and three daughters-in-law, Nick and Bonnie Witham of LaGrange, Terry and Pam Witham of Hudson and Darlene Witham of Mongo; a foster son, Vernon Hochstetler of Topeka; 22 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Marsha Stewart on June 22, 1970; a son, John E. Witham Jr. on April 23, 1997; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery at Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 15, 2009, Wednesday

Edith Conley

STURGIS, Mich. — Edith Conley, 70, of Sturgis died Monday, July 13, 2009, at Sturgis Hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Hackman Family Funeral Home, Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Doris Boocher

ORLAND — A memorial graveside service for Doris M. Boocher will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Scherer

BUTLER — Helen M. Scherer, 90, of Butler died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Lowell Anglemyer

NAPPANEE — Lowell "Jake" Anglemyer, 75, of Nappanee and formerly of Avilla died Monday, July 13, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Nappanee Missionary Church. Burial will be in Olive West Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Lowell Anglemyer Tree Memorial Fund.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee is in charge of arrangements.

Ceasar Oakley

GREENSBORO — Ceaser Woodrow Oakley, 85, died Sunday, July 12, 2008, at Guilford Healthcare.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. today at George Brothers Funeral Service. Burial will follow at Lakeview Memorial Park.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 15, 2009, Wednesday

Alta Mae Hess, 89

AVILLA – Alta Mae Hess, age 89, of Avilla, died on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hess was born in Auburn on February 17, 1920 to the late Frank and Maude (Boyden) Martin.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1938. She married George D. Hess in Auburn on June 18, 1938. He preceded her death in 2003.

Mrs. Hess was an accountant and employed with the Dana Corporation in Auburn for many years.

Survivors include: two granddaughters, Melanie (Dean) Timmerman of LaOtto, Patti (Robert) Burden of Fort Wayne; six great grandchildren; two nephews, Delbert Martin of Butler, and Tom Tomkinson of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Jerry D. Hess in 1999; brother, Donald Martin; and sister, Geneva Schermerhorn.

No visitation/funeral service scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jacqueline Krock, 68

AVILLA — Jacqueline Lou Krock, 68, died Monday, July 6, 2009, at 12:36 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallvile on Sept. 28, 1940, and was the daughter of Clyde and Betty (Trowbridge) Hart.

She was a cook at Provena Sacred Heart Home, and retired from there after 14 years of service.

She was known to everyone as "Granny" and loved spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking, reading, doing crafts and traveling.

Survivors include her children, Kyle Krock of Avilla, James Krock Jr., of Kendallville, Jerry (Sue) Krock of Avilla, Jennifer Krock of Fort Wayne, and Jody (Nic) Richardson of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother, Terry (Carol) Hart of LaGrange; and her companion, James Krock Sr., of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Michael Hart.

Services were held July 10, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated.

Burial took place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers were Nic Richardson, Tyler Haynes, Greg Guthrie Jr., Frank and Duane Days, Derrick Krock, Gerry Yontz, and Tracy Lash.

Condolences may be left at www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 15, 2009, Wednesday

George L Laur, 84

KENDALLVILLE – George L. Laur, age 84, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Laur was born in Hudson, Michigan on January 1, 1925 to the late Roy and Olive (Selleck) Laur.

He graduated from Hudson High School in Michigan in 1941.

He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946. Corporal Laur was an aircraft mechanic stationed at Base Air Depot #1.

Mr. Laur was Past Commander of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and member of VFW, Francis Vinyard Post #2749 in Kendallville. He was also a member of the V.F.W. Funeral Detail Honor Guard.

He married Sharon June Gorden on November 3, 1979 at the Christ Church, Oak Brook, Illinois.

Mr. Laur was an independent insurance agent and owned Laur Insurance Service in Fort Wayne for more than 40 years. He was also a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: his wife, Sharon Laur of Kendallville; son, Judge David Laur of Kendallville; daughter, Barbara Ann Meyer of Portland, Oregon; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Maurice Laur.

Funeral services were at First Christian Church, Kendallville.

Military Honors for Mr. Laur were conducted at the church by honor guard members of the American Legion Post #381 and V.F.W. Post #2749.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Community Table or Fellowship Bible Church Building Fund.

Veterans Funeral Care Provider Hite Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Grant Arnold Jr., 66

KENDALLVILLE – Grant Arnold, Jr., 66, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 5:35 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Arnold attended Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville. He was retired from Reliable Tool and Machine in Kendallville after 34 years of service, and enjoyed fishing.

He was born September 14, 1942, in Logan, West Virginia, to Lenora (Browning) Arnold and Grant Arnold, Sr.

Surviving are two daughters, Crystal Phillips of Kendallville and Katherine Rose Arnold of Greensboro, North Carolina; two sons, Kevin Arnold of Kendallville and James S. Arnold of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Jeremy, Beth Anne, James, Patty, Judy, Jeffery, Joseph, and Willis; three sisters, Judy Manns of Corunna, Geneva Simpson of Corunna, and Charlotte Weller of Albion; and five brothers, Ramoes Arnold of Kendallville, Jeff Arnold of Kendallville, Nick Arnold of Kendallville, Willie Arnold of Stafford, Virginia, and Sonny Belcher of Corunna.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ethel Arnold.

Funeral services will be Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. in Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 321 East Mitchell Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Terry Hinds of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Kevin Arnold, Sonny Belcher, Jeff Arnold, Nick Arnold, Ramoes Arnold, and James Arnold.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 16, 2009, Thursday

Ella Merriman

AUBURN — Ella "Wanda" Merriman, 75, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Merriman was a nurse at Lutheran Hospital for 20 years and had also worked as a bookkeeper at Custom Wood Products.

Mrs. Merriman

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, and a member of the Eastern Star.

She was born Dec. 11, 1933, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She married Eugene L. Merriman Aug. 5, 1956, in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death in 2008.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia "Lee" Fleming of Auburn, Pamela Halterman of Garrett and Gay Lynn Martz of Ossian; a son-in-law, Dennis Fleming of Auburn; a brother, Donald (Sandi) Wilson of Mary Estor, Fla.; grandchildren, Traci (Andrew) Wallace of San Antonio, Texas, James and Eugene Martz of Fort Wayne and Daniel (Taryn) Fleming of Auburn; great-grandchildren, Layten Martz of Fort Wayne, Tressen Martz of Fort Wayne, Tony Wallace of San Antonio, Texas, and Reece of San Antonio, Texas.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Frances Brown; two brothers, James and Bradley Brown; and a sister, Jackie Lowrey.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev Joe Laher officiating.

Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to Crestridge Camp for Girls in Ridgecrest, N.C.

Rudy Hershberger

MIDDLEBURY — Rudy M. Hershberger, 94, of Middlebury died Tuesday at his home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at his home at 0020 N. C.R. 1000W. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be all day today at his home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 16, 2009, Thursday

Helen Sherer

BUTLER — Helen Mae Sherer, 90, of Auburn, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Helen was born on February 20, 1919, to John W. and Fae Leota (Gregory) Jackson at Burkburnett, Texas.

She graduated from Sherman High School in 1937 and worked as a telephone operator. After World War II started, Helen went to work as a riveter in an airplane factory where they made B 24s and B 32s. After she met her future husband, Alfred Sherer, she enlisted in the Women's Army Air Corps. She was stationed at Lubbock and Fort Worth, where she did office work.

Late in 1944, Helen requested overseas duty and she received overseas training in Des Moines, Iowa. The war ended the day before Helen was to be shipped out to the Pacific Theater of the war. Instead she was sent to Indian Town Cap, Pa., where she typed discharges for returning service personnel. She worked seven days a week and earned a medal for meritorious service. She left the service as a T-5 technician, fifth class and earned the good conduct, American Theater, and victory medal.

Prior to retirement, Helen worked as a library aide for Eastside Junior and Senior High School in Butler.

Helen was married to Alfred F. Sherer on March 3, 1946, in Haviland, Ohio. Helen is survived by her husband; five children; Frank (Judy) Sherer of Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. Jerry (Debbie) Sherer of Cut Bank, Mont., Linda (Marty) Quick of Angola, Vickie (Keith) Johnson of Cadillac, Mich., and Tammy Foster of Auburn; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Bettye Kent of Fort Worth, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, J.W. Jackson and Johnny Jackson; and two sisters, Eloise Savage and Delores Montante.

She was a member of the John Houlton Chapter DAR and had served as librarian and historian for the chapter. She had a great interest in family history research and traced some branches of the family tree back to the 1500s.

Helen was a past member of the Steuben County Church of Christ. She had served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher.

Visitation will be at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler from 3-7 on Friday.

Funeral services for Helen Sherer will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Blue Creek Cemetery in Paulding County, Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the donors choice.

Friends may send condolences or view a video tribute at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 17, 2009, Friday

Juanita Masters

LAGRANGE — Juanita C. Masters, 85, of LaGrange died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 2:54 a.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mrs. Masters

Mrs. Masters was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1923, in Arcola, Ind., to James and Maud (Denner) Clifford. She married Robert J. Masters on Nov. 22, 1961, in Rome City. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 1998.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Wesley and Mildred Boyles of Florida, Darwin and Barbara Boyles of Rome City, Robert and Marcia Masters of Kansas and Larry Boyles of Florida; three daughters, Marcia and John Kitchen of Rome City, Debbie and Kenneth Monthie of Iowa and Donna and Arthur Atwater of Howe; two daughters-in-law, Sandra Boyles of Rome City and Sally Boyles of LaGrange; 32 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers; three sisters; a son, David Boyles; and a grandson, Wesley Boyles Jr.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Casketbearers will be Robert Boyles, Todd Boyles, John Kitchen, Brian Boyles, Chris Boyles and David Atwater.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Joann Burchett

BUTLER — Joann K. Burchett, 64, of Butler died Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Robert Fleet

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Robert "Bob" Fleet, 62, of Phoenix and formerly of Angola died June 27, 2009, in Phoenix.

Services were held July 1 at Phoenix Memorial Park & Mortuary.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 18, 2009, Saturday

Horse mishap

Woman dies from injuries in fall

BY AMY OBERLIN
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STEUBENVILLE —A 35-year-old woman died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after a horse riding accident Thursday night.

Sonia M. Bailey of Steubenville, east of Ashley, was riding one of her horses from her farm at 225 W. C.R. 700S. She was riding down C.R. 700S when she apparently fell off the horse.

Bailey

"We don't know exactly how she fell off," said Steuben County Sheriff's Deputy Shari Heffner. The sheriff's department assisted Steuben County Emergency Medical Service at the scene, along with other area emergency agencies.

Authorities were called after the horse was noticed walking along riderless, Heffner said.

Bailey was in critical condition when she was flown to Fort Wayne. She died Friday of blunt force trauma to the head, according to the Allen County Coroner's Office.

No foul play is suspected, said Hefner. The case has been listed as an accident.

Bailey worked as a teller at the Ashley branch of Farmers State Bank. She enjoyed art, photography, animals, her dog and horseback riding.

A full obituary appears on Page A4.

2 Churubusco students die in crash

CHURUBUSCO — Two Churubusco High School students died Thursday in a crash, according to NewsChannel 15.

Just after 3 p.m. Thursday, Megan Young, 16, was southbound on C.R. 550E. For some reason, the vehicle lost control, overturning into a ditch filled with water.

Both Young and her passenger, Andy Spencer, 17, died at the scene. The two attended Churubusco High School. Young would have been a junior while Spencer was approaching his senior year. The teens participated in several school sports including basketball, volleyball, baseball and football.

Several friends gathered on Friday afternoon at the crash site for a silent memorial.

A short obituary for Miss Young is on Page A4. A full obituary will appear Sunday.

Joanne Burchett

BUTLER — Joann K. Burchett, 64, of Butler died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church, 806 Main St., Topeka.

Private burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Special Olympics, 1133 19th St., NW, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036-3604.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Hugh Underwood

FORT WAYNE — Hugh F. Underwood of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 15, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to service Monday.

Memorials are to the Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Huntertown United Methodist Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Donna Krauskopf

FREMONT — Donna J. Krauskopf, 78, died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Krauskopf

Donna was born February 12, 1931. to Russell and Florence Miller (Jackemeyer) in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She graduated from Central High School in 1949. She moved into her own apartment and began working for Commonwealth Life Insurance and then Zollners, while dating "Arnie" Krauskopf.

An only child, her family would soon grow following her marriage to Arnold Krauskopf in 1951. Together, they built a new home on Wayne Trace in Fort Wayne. They had one son, Steven, and three daughters, Sandra, Janis and Nancy.

Donna later returned to working as a "Kelly Girl" temp where she would eventually become a permanent employee of GE in 1970. She loved her career there for many years before retiring in 1986.

After retirement, Donna and Arnie moved to Big Otter Lake where they built the lake home that she had always wanted. They began investing themselves in their new community and the Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind. She served as a church secretary, treasurer of the "Doves" senior group, and assisted with many fundraisers. She enjoyed furnishing the church kitchen and was a member of "The Sewing Sisters."

Donna was an active and outgoing person who spent a lot of her time gardening, playing cards with friends, and organizing trips with her Red Hat group. She enjoyed warm weather, bargain hunting and researching her family genealogy.

Donna was a proud grandmother of 10: Curt, Jason, Jennifer, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Melissa, Melanie, Denise, Kevin and Julie; and seven great-grandchildren: Allison, Hannah, Elias, Jane, Logan, Elle and Cameron.

The family wishes to thank the members of Peace Lutheran Church for their cards and prayers, as well as the staff of Hospice and Home Care, Cameron Hospital, and Lakeland Nursing Home for their thoughtful and considerate care.

Friends may call on Sunday, July 19, 2009, from 2-6 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola.

Services for Mrs. Krauskopf will be on Monday, July 20, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont with Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the church or the donor's choice.

Friends may sign a guest book for Donna at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Sonia Bailey

ASHLEY — Sonia M. Bailey, 35, of Ashley and formerly of Fremont died Friday, July 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of injuries she sustained in a horseback riding accident that occurred Thursday, July 16.

Miss Bailey

Miss Bailey was a teller at the Ashley branch of the Farmers State Bank.

She was a 1991 graduate of Fremont High School.

Miss Bailey enjoyed art, photography, animals, her dog and riding horses.

She was born Oct. 18, 1973, in Owosso, Mich., to Merlin W. "Jake" and Barbara (McMahon) Bailey. Her mother survives in Fremont and her father preceded her in death April 6, 2000.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law,Winona and John Nelson and Rachelle and Eric Alli, all of Fremont; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kevin and Jane Bailey and Gregory Bailey, all of Fremont; two nieces and two nephews, Cassie Alli, Cole Alli, Jesse German and Bradley Nelson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Lynn Eicher officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Leonard Liechty

ANGOLA — Leonard R. Liechty, a 31-year resident of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, Ind., passed away Friday morning, July 17, 2009, at 4:30 a.m. at Cameron Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

Mr. Liechty

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.

Leonard was a very kind and generous man. He loved nature, gardening, making bird houses, his family and sharing stories about his life. One of his favorite quotes was "I'm no going anywhere, I've already been there."

He lived an incredible journey in his 96 years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. "We love you dearly, rest in peace."

He retired after 25 years as a machinist for Bowmar Instrument Co. in Fort Wayne.

Leonard was a more than 50-year member of Moose Lodge 1311 in Decatur and a charter member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Leonard was born on February 11, 1913, in Adams County, Ind., to the late Joel and Lydia (Reinhart) Liechty. Leonard married Velma E. "Libby" Spade on December 24, 1936, in Decatur, Ind. They celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2006.

Surviving are his wife, Velma; a daughter and son-in-law, Ninetta and Dennis Springer of Angola; a grandson, Lenn Springer and his companion Raychal Foos of Fort Wayne; a sister, Fannie Landfair of Portland, Ind.; and a great-granddaughter, Natalie Ann Springer of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a sister and four brothers.

Private graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2995 W. Orland Road, Angola, IN 46703.

Robert Walker

MIDDLEBURY — Robert L. Walker, 73, of South Holland, Ill., died Thursday, July 16, 2009, in the emergency room at Munster Community Hospital in Muster, Ind.

Private family services will be at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Treesh

GARRETT — Sharon A. Treesh, 51, of Garrett died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Treesh

Ms. Treesh worked in the X-ray department for the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn for the past 30 years.

She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett. She also volunteered for the Hand in Hand organization in Albion.

She was born June 18, 1958, in Auburn to Herman Seigel Jr. and Glenice (Zook) Seigel. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are her fiance, Ralph Daley of Garrett; one son, Joseph Treesh of Garrett; one daughter, Janessa Treesh of Garrett; one sister, Deborah Brown of Fort Wayne; one brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Cheryl Seigel of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Evangelist James Miller officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Joseph and Janessa Treesh trust fund in care of Wells Fargo.

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Megan Young

COLUMBIA CITY — Megan Christine Young, 16, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township, died Thursday, July 16, 2009.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Babasino Fernandes presiding.

An additional memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Joseph In the City Catholic Church, 600 E. Virginia St., Evansville, with Father Jean Vogler presiding.

Calling will be Sunday 2 to 7 p. m. at the Churubusco High School Gymnasium, with a memorial service following at 7 p. m., facilitated by Jon Pelz of Campus Life Ministries.

Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco High School Athletic Department, 1 Eagle Drive, Churubusco, IN 46723, or for Masses.

To leave a condolence for the family in Megan's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Barbara Manning

FREMONT — Barbara D. Manning, 57, of Fremont died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Miss Manning was a former professional Roller Derby performer and local country and western singer.

Miss Manning

She was born Dec. 8, 1951, in Herrin, Ill., to Bob and Eleanor (Rogers) Manning. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Steve Meeks of Fremont; a brother, Michael Manning of Angola; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, LaDonna Sue Hassett in 2008.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Addison Blake

ANGOLA — Addison Reign Blake, 29 days old, of Angola died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 17, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne to Joshua Blake and Meghann Bell. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Andy and Renee Sayles, Scott Hantz and Jerry Bell, all of Angola, and Barbara and Robert Tasker of Hillsdale, Mich., and her great-grandparents, Michael and Marsha Carroll of Angola, George Bell of Auburn, Jerry and Sandra Bren of Angola, Jerry and Judy Bushey of Ashley, David and Darlene Ohrn of Indianapolis and Jerry and Dianne Sayles of Corunna.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to the family in care of Meghann Bell and Joshua Blake.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 19, 2009, Sunday

Howell touched lives as teacher, friend

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Carol Howell brought a gentle and caring hand and a humorous heart to hundreds of Steuben County youths during her more than 30 years as a speech pathologist for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

Howell died July 6 after a long illness.

Howell came to Angola following her graduation from Ball State in 1961, and married her husband, John, a year later. The pair had been together for three years before the move to the city.

"She came here for her first job, and it became her only job," John said.

Howell would travel to several elementary schools, as well as Angola Middle School, to teach, her husband said. Cindy Benfer was a long-time colleague of Howell's in the MSD schools.

"She was very good at what she did," Benfer said. "You could see the progress, and that she was a caring teacher who cared a lot about her students."

Jackie Van Rooyen is a longtime nurse in the school district.

"She would push her kids to work hard," Van Rooyen said. "She was compassionate, but she didn't allow her students to sit back and slack off. She usually got them to reach their goals by encouraging them. She had a real sense of understanding where the kids were coming from, and that they'd require different approaches."

Carol Howell touched many lives as a speech pathologist for MSD of Steuben County, including a number of teachers for whom she was a model of friendship. Here she is with her husband of 46 years, John.

Both Benfer and Van Rooyen said Howell brought an effervescent personality to the school, which made life a joy for her fellow teachers.

"She had a great sense of humor," Benfer said. "It was not uncommon for teachers come and congregate around her to get some laughs in. She was always smiling and happy." However, Benfer said her friend could also use her faith to inspire others in low moments. "She'd be there to pull you back up," she said.

Van Rooyen called Howell her "biggest cheerleader," and "one of my dearest and closest friends."

"She didn't just tell you what you wanted to hear, but instead she'd give you a deep, meaningful examination of ideas," Van Rooyen said. "And she'd always end the conversation, 'I love ya.' I know she's dancing in heaven now, I know that."

Howell's mother, Louise Knudsen, said her daughter was always intellectually curious.

"She was always very good in school. She had good grades all the way through," Knudsen. "We were a very close mother and daughter. We did many things together. We'd visit or have friends in and make food."

John said he and his wife were usually content to stay home together, though they both had joined fraternal organizations. Even after he left the Moose, his wife stayed a part, if only to have a place to eat, Howell said.

"Being a traveling teacher, she didn't like to carry her lunch around, her classroom was kind of on her back," he said. "But usually we just enjoyed each other."

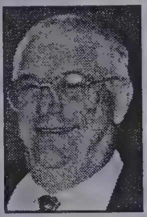
Howell began suffering from a blood disorder in 2002, which cost her the use of her legs and limited the use of her arms. John said their home was essentially rearranged to accommodate Carol's medical needs. But, he said, it was something he wanted to do.

"She made our home a happy one. We devoted ourselves to one another," John said. "She touched a lot of lives around here because of the number of students she'd helped."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 19, 2009, Sunday

Greg Bowen

AVILLA — Greg Bowen, 54, of Avilla, a former East Noble High School girls soccer coach, died peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2009 at his home with his family by his side.



Mr. Bowen

Mr. Bowen was born in Topeka, Kan., on Dec. 23, 1954, to Forest Dean and Patsy Jane (Reasor) Bowen.

He graduated from Rolling Meadows High School in Rolling Meadows, Ill., in 1973. He attended tech school in Louisville, Ky. and earned an associate degree in electronics. Currently Greg was attending IPFW to get his bachelor's degree in education.

He married Tina B. Hall on March 1, 1981, in Oak Lawn, Ill. She survives in Avilla.

He was employed for more than 30 years with IBM as a systems assurance specialist.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he was currently serving as elder. He also taught the "Faith Incubators" confirmation class at St. John.

Coach Bowen helped originate and develop the NASA soccer organization in Kendallville in the early 1990s. He coached the girls travel soccer club, Citadel, in Fort Wayne for many years and was involved in coaching the East Noble girls soccer team for the past eight years, three as head coach. He also coached St. John's girls basketball, Avilla youth baseball and YMCA youth basketball.

Greg was past president of the Teen-Parent Coop (Life and Family Services) board of directors in Kendallville. He also loved the outdoors and fishing.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: three sons and a daughter-in-law, Nathaniel and Sarah Bowen, Avilla; Jonathan Bowen and Jacob Bowen, both of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Christa and Kenneth Bowen, Avilla; a foster son and their children, Korcel and Olga Price and Marina and Kamilah Price, all of Tucson, Ariz.; a grandson, Grant Bowen, Avilla; his parents, Forest and Patsy Bowen, Fort Wayne; and a brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Maria Bowen, Anderson.

Services will be Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with the Revs. Paul B. Griebel and Dr. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials may be made to Life and Family Services or St. John Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is assisting the family with arrangements.

View a video tribue by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richelle Foulk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richelle L. Foulk, 34, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at her home.

A graveside service will be Wednesday at Mason Cemetery In Coldwater Township.

Arrangements are by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater, dutcherfh.com.

James Draggoo

FREMONT — James E. Draggoo, 88, of Fremont, died Saturday, July 18, 2009 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Hugh Underwood

FORT WAYNE — Hugh F. Underwood of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 15, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

THE NEWS SUN
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Grace Sprunger

SHIPSHEWANA — Grace Linnea Sprunger was the beloved daughter of Lauren Corliss and Tyler Sprunger of Shipshewana, Ind.

She was born July 16, 2009, in Fort Wayne at 9:44 a.m. and entered into heaven July 17, 2009, at 8 a.m. at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Baby Grace is survived by her grandparents Linda Corliss of Glens Falls, N.Y., Richard Corliss of Fort Ann, N.Y., Paula Sprunger of Shipshewana, Ind. and David Sprunger Sr. of Rome City, Ind,; great-grandparents Muriel Kopp of Queensbury, N.Y., Roberta and Jack Frederick of Kendallville, and Orland and Royann Sprunger of Topeka.

A funeral service will be Monday, July 20, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Larry Byrnes officiating.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 20, 2009, at the funeral home prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Lou Winebrenner

COLUMBIA CITY — Lou E. Winebrenner, 82, of Columbia City, and formerly of Albion, Ind. and Akron, Ohio, died suddenly at her daughter's house at 6:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2009.

Services will be Monday at 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Albion. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be at the funeral home Monday from 3-6 p.m. before the services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

John Neff

ANGOLA — John D. Neff, 78, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

He was in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1978, and was an engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

He was a graduate of Olive Branch High School in New Carlisle, Ohio, and a graduate of The Ohio University in Ada, Ohio, with a degree in Fine Arts. He was also a pilot.

Mr. Neff was a member of Orland American Legion Post 423, the Elks in Angola and Venice, Fla., the American Legion in Venice, Fla., and the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church, Angola.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1930 in Springfield, Ohio, to Robert J. and Pauline (Case) Neff. He married Louise Mahoney on Nov. 5, 1965. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Brenda Neff, Angola, and Robert Neff, Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Richard Weyandt, Dover, Del.; a brother, Stephen Neff, Fairborn, Ohio; five grandchildren, Matthew and Christopher Weyandt, and Meghan, Alyson and Amber Neff; and two great-grandchildren, Sterling and Vance Weyandt.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Megan Young

COLUMBIA CITY — Megan Christine Young, 16, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township, passed away on Thursday afternoon, July 16, 2009, from the results of a one-vehicle accident on County Road 550-East in rural Whitley County.

Megan was born on January 1, 1993, in Beech Grove, a daughter of C. Christopher and Tanya C. (Widmer) Young, and moved with her family to the Churubusco area from Indianapolis in 1997.

A junior at Churubusco High School, she excelled in academics and was a member of the school's volleyball and basketball teams, and also FFA. She was employed part-time at Kroger's in Columbia City and also had a part-time business cleaning homes. In her leisure time she loved animals, being outdoors, four-wheeling and activities with her family.

The surviving relatives include her parents Chris and Tanya Young; a sister Morgan Young, a sophomore at Churubusco High School; a grandmother Toy Widmer of Elberfeld, Ind; a great-grandmother Polly Brown of Evansville; two uncles Chris Widmer of Evansville and Dan [Laura] Rexroad of Dover, Ohio; two aunts, Amy Young of Evansville, and Misty Widmer of Boonville; and several cousins.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, July 20, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Babasino Fernandes, the celebrant.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, July 19, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Churubusco High School Gymnasium, with a memorial service following at 7 p.m., facilitated by Jon Pelz of Campus Life Ministries.

Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

An additional memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22, at St. Joseph In the City Catholic Church, 600 E. Virginia St., Evansville, with Father Jean Vogler, the celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco High School Athletic Department, 1 Eagle Drive, Churubusco, IN 46723, or for Masses.

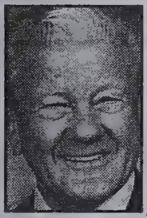
Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family in Megan's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 20, 2009, Monday

Milton Dunham

JONESBORO — Milton L. Dunham, 70, of Jonesboro died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at home.


Mr. Dunham

Mr. Dunham was a Millwright at Chrysler in Kokomo. He retired on Sept. 30, 1999, after 36 years. He had also worked at RCA, Standard Store in Marion and had farmed.

Milton faithfully attended the Main Street Wesleyan Church where he served as a greeter. He was a member of the Jonesboro Historical Society and the Fairmount Alumni Committee. He loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed attending their activities. He was an Indy Racing and NASCAR fan along with the Colts, and Pacers. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, woodworking, birdwatching, walks with his wife and trips to Shipshewana. Milton never met a stranger and always had a story to tell.

He was the son of the late Milton Dunham and the late Hannazola (Davis) Dunham. He was born on October 25, 1938, in Grant County, Indiana. He graduated from Fairmount High School in 1956. He served in the Marine Corps. He married Darlene Thompson on March 3, 1969. Darlene survives in Jonesboro.

He is also survived by four daughters and three sons-in-law, Karie and Joe Merrill of Fairmount, April and Roger Randolph of Jonesboro, Dawn Collins of Marion and Trishia and Reece Manning of Jonesboro; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Kelly Elkins of Fairmount and Todd and Karen Elkins of Auburn; grandchildren Stephanie (Andy) Howard, Grant Mitchener, Caleb, Danielle and Colton Dunham, Ryan Randolph, Lindsay and Matthew Elkins, Andrew Collins, Jerod Williams, Nathan Martin and Daysha Martin Evans, Erika Manning, Clayton and Katie Elkins, Erin, Taylor and Mason Elkins, Kevin and Brianna Merrill, Mark Manning and Brad (Jaime) Manning; two sisters, Dawnetta (George) Tomlin of Fairmount and Patricia Guiterrez of Omaha, Neb.; three brothers, Harlon (Evelyn) Dunham of Jonesboro, Thomas Dunham of Jonesboro and Daniel (Diane) Dunham of Fairmount; sisters-in-law Shirley Stace of Marion, Sharon Thompson of Fairmount, Janie (Dewey) Jefferies of Jonesboro, Marylou (Marcus) Winslow of Jonesboro, Phyllis Haynes of Marion and Joyce (Forest) Troyer of Dekalb, Ill.; brother-in-law Wilbur Justus; former brother-in-law Jerry (Kay) Cole of Fairmount; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cole Dunham, in 2004.

Funeral service will be at Main Street Wesleyan Church at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with the Revs. Stephen Mowat, Al Soultz and David Scott officiating. Interment will be at Park Cemetery, Fairmount. Calling will be at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, 415 S. Main St., Fairmount, from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street Wesleyan Church Building Fund, Cancer Services of Grant County or the American Cancer Society in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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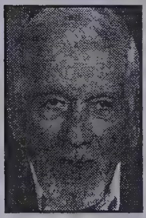
July 20, 2009, Monday

James Draggoo

FREMONT — James Edward Draggoo, 88, of Fremont died at home July Saturday, July 18, 2009.


Mr. Draggoo

He was a retired sheet metal worker for Sheet Metal Local 20, Fort Wayne, and formerly an owner of the Olinger Furnace & Sheet Metal. Auburn.

He graduated from St. Joe High School and formerly lived in St. Joe, Auburn and Orland and at Jimmerson Lake. He was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge and York rite. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II and a 30-year member of the Orland American Legion Post 423. While in the army, he served in the Asiatic Theater and the China, Burma and India campaign.

He enjoyed doing sheet metal work and stone masonry, cutting wood, fishing, hunting and NASCAR.

Mr. Draggoo was June 1, 1921, in Concord Township, DeKalb County to Lloyd and Marie (Leighty) Draggoo. They preceded him in death. On July 28, 1945, in Auburn he married Alice M. Boger. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Cathy Draggoo of Woodbridge, Va., Rex and Roxanna Draggoo of Hudson and Andrew Dragoo of Fremont; a sister, Eloise Morr of Springfield, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Jennifer Draggoo of Dumfries, Va., Bethany Chang of Jacksonville, Fla., and Benay Draggoo of Fremont.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nevada Mills Untied Methodist Church, Nevada Mills, the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial with military committal services by members of Orland American Legion Post 423 will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Orland American Legion.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Luetta Carper

AUBURN — Luetta B. Carper, 79, of Auburn died Saturday July 18, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Carper was an operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn, retiring in 1978 after 30 years of service. After her retirement from Indiana Bell, she went to work at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. She also was a member of the Ladies of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn.

She was born Aug. 22, 1929, in DeKalb County to Albert and Margaret (Dibbling) Dapp. They both preceded her in death.

On Aug. 27, 1949, she married Harold L. "Hank" Carper in St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. He passed away Dec. 15, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Kathy Carper of Auburn; a brother, Donald Dapp of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Michael and Stephanie Carper, Kristy Carper, and Kelly Carper.

Services will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Wednesday in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the funeral mass on Thursday at the church. A rosary service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church for masses or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Dorothy Ireland

ANGOLA — Dorothy L. "Dotty" Ireland, 77, of Angola died Sunday, July 19, 2009 at home in Angola.

Mrs. Ireland was a manager at CVS in Angola and a member of Angola United Methodist Church. She was an associate member of the Korean Veterans Organization.

She was born March 7, 1932, in Edon, Ohio, to Charles and Nina (Burlew) Burke, who preceded her in death. On Nov. 22, 1953, she married Fred Ireland, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Randy Ireland of Angola; a daughter, Susan Ireland of Fishers; and a sister, Elizabeth Cross of Davison, Mich.

Preceding her in death with her parents were a daughter, Debora Ireland, on Oct. 30, 1963, and a brother, Harley Burke.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and two hours before services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health, the Steuben County Humane Shelter and Korean Veterans Association Chapter 1, Fort Wayne.

Lexington Graves

SPENCERVILLE — Lexington Love Graves, 3 months, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Vera Everetts

HAMILTON — Vera L. Everetts, 96, died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1913, in St. Joe to Harlo "Jack" and Carrie Bleeks Sechler. Vera graduated from Hamilton High School. She married Theodore G. Everetts on April 25, 1931 in Butler, he preceded her in death on April 22, 1982. She was a homemaker and lived on the farm most of her life.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Olus "Buzz" and Margaret Everetts of Edgerton, Ohio, and Ted Everetts of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Roy Fry of Swanton, Ohio, and Kay and Dennis Fee of Angola; a sister, Susie Reinoehl of Garrett; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Waldo and Walter Sechler; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton, with Pastor Mike Halferty officiating.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 21, 2009, Tuesday

Crash kills motorist

JEFF JONES

Brooke L. Peters, 20, of Hamilton died Monday while driving this car, which was struck from behind and pushed into the path of a dump truck, which hit it in the driver's side, police said.

Hamilton woman, 20, dies at scene

WATERLOO — A Hamilton woman died in a three-vehicle crash Monday on U.S. 6, west of Waterloo, DeKalb County Police said.

Brooke L. Peters, 20, of the 400 block of Lane 101, Hamilton Lake, was killed when her car was struck by an oncoming dump truck at 4:54 p.m.

Police said Peters was driving eastbound on U.S. 6 in a 2000 Buick Park Avenue and had stopped, waiting to turn left onto C.R. 24.

Her car was struck from behind by a 2008 Honda Accord, pushing it into the path of the westbound 1995 Ford dump truck. The truck hit Peters' car in the driver's side, causing her fatal injuries, police said.

The driver of the Honda Accord, Tony L. Baker, 43, of the 3000 block of C.R. 39, Waterloo, reported chest pain after the crash. The driver of the dump truck, Jack R. Souder, 52, of Bluffton, did not report any injuries, police said.

DeKalb County Police investigated. The Waterloo Marshal's Department, Waterloo Fire Department, DeKalb EMS, Indiana State Police and DeKalb County coroner assisted at the scene.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 21, 2009, Tuesday

Lexington Graves

SPENCERVILLE — Lexington Love Graves, 3 months, died Friday, July 17, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born April 8, 2009, in Auburn to Paul A. and Rebecca R. (Boyer) Graves. They survive in Spencerville.

Lexington Graves

Also surviving are seven brothers, Ashtyn Graves, Jayden Graves, Chevy Graves, Bryceton Graves, Drayton Graves and Graistyn Graves, all of Spencerville, and Justin Graves of Indianapolis; two sisters, Kensington Graves of Spencerville, and Ashley Graves of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents, Paul and Marge Graves of Auburn; maternal grandparents, Peter and Nancy Boyer of St. Anne, Ill., and Debra Gibbs of Defiance, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Michael Gibbs.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Rebecca Graves to help with headstone expenses.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Warren Sower

OCALA, Fla. — Warren M. Sower, 86, of Ocala and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in Florida.

Mr. Sower had been a barber in Kendallville until 1965. He then was a barber in Fort Wayne until 1985. He retired to Florida in 1987.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Kendallville and Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Phillip; a stepson, Robert Burgbacher; two daughters, Judy Andrews and Janis Frank; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Dennis and Larry.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Ralph Cunningham

AUBURN — Ralph M. Cunningham, 93, died Thursday, July 16, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Greenville United Methodist Church in Greenville, Ind.

Calling will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the church.

Burial will be in Greenville Cemetery at 2 p.m. today

Memorials are to the church or charity of the donor's choice.

Mary Vauris

GARRETT — Mary Helen Vauris, 91, of Garrett died Friday, July 3, 2009, in Clermont, Fla.

She was a lifetime area resident

Mrs. Vauris had worked for Dr. John Harvey for many years.

She was born March 3, 1918, in Garrett to Charles and Helen (Loftus) Carlin. She married Howard Leon Vauris in 1936. He died in 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard B. and Travis Vauris of Clermont, Fla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Pat Carlin of South Bend and Joe and Marty Carlin of Gaylord, Mich.; a sister, Sally Ridlen of Fort Wayne; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Hospice, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, Fla. 32778.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 21, 2009, Tuesday

Joan Piazza

NOBLESVILLE — Joan (March) Piazza, 73, of Noblesville, died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at her home.

She graduated from Truman University in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in education and in 1965 with a master's degree in elementary education. In 1991, she attended Ball State University in Muncie where she received a special education certificate. She taught school in Springfield, Ill., and Plymouth, Muncie, and Gas City, Ind. For seven years, she was a substitute teacher for special education with the Noblesville Schools.

Mrs. Piazza

Mrs. Piazza was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She served as Christian growth chairman and also served on Christ's outreach board.

She was born May 8, 1936, in Fulton, Mo., the daughter of David and Lois (Riley) March. She married the Rev. Charles T. Piazza in 1962. He preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 2007.

Surviving are seven sons, the Rev. Adrian (Corinne) Piazza, Dr. Brian (Annika) Piazza, Chuck (Melody) Piazza, Doug (Karen) Piazza, Eric Piazza, Frederic Piazza and Gary Piazza; 10 grandchildren; and a brother, Joe (Mary) March of Tatum, N.M.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, with the Rev. Kurt Gremel officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro, Ill.

Calling will be from 3-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial are to the Dakota Boys Ranch in Minot, N.D.; Worship for Shut-Ins broadcast from Fort Wayne; or the Christ Lutheran Youth Fund, c/o Christ Lutheran Church.

Katherine McFeters

HAMILTON — Katherine E. "Kay" McFeters, 83, of Hamilton died Sunday, July 19, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There are no calling or services planned at this time. Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 22, 2009, Wednesday

David Hartman

FORT WAYNE — David D. Hartman, 76, was taken by his Savior Tuesday morning, July 21, 2009, at the Lutheran Home in Fort Wayne..

He was born July 25, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Eno M. and Martha C. (Wood) Hartman, and they have both passed away.

Mr. Hartman

He is survived by his wife, Maryanne Hartman; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Sue and George Howard of Fort Wayne, Phyllis Walters of Fort Wayne, Pat Caudle of Decatur and Doris Hartman of Virginia; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eno and Jeri Hartman of Corvallis, Montana, and William “Bill” and Nancy Hartman of Corunna; and a sister-in-law, Donna Hartman of Corunna. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Hartman.

A celebration of his life will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is two hours prior to the celebration, Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to the Lutheran Home in lieu of flowers.

Lois Greenamyer

FREMONT — Lois Fern Greenamyer, 99, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Brooke Peters

HAMILTON — Brooke Lynn Peters, 20, of Hamilton died Monday, July 20, 2009, from injuries received in an auto accident on U.S. 6 west of Waterloo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at New Life Community Center in Hamilton. Jeff Alexander will officiate. Burial in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to Shriners Hospital of Chicago.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 22, 2009, Wednesday

Former EN girls soccer coach remembered

BY DAVID VANTRESS
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KENDALLVILLE — Former East Noble girls soccer coach Greg Bowen taught his players a lot more than soccer last season.

Bowen, 54, died Friday after a battle with cancer. He had resigned the East Noble girls soccer coaching position in June, according to East Noble athletic director Chris DePew.

"He knew it would be a struggle to coach this season," DePew said. "He always thought of the girls before himself, even when he got sick."

Abby Evard, who played for Bowen as a freshman last year, said Bowen set an example for the Knight girls with the way he battled his illness.

Bowen

"He always made us feel like we were a priority for him, even with being sick," Abby Evard said. "He rarely missed practice. That meant a lot to us, knowing the fight he was fighting."

As a coach, Bowen was always offering encouragement, Abby Evard said. "He asked a lot of us, but it was because he knew what we were capable of … He always tried to bring out the best in us."

Abby Evard saw coach Bowen for the last time at the end of the soccer season, when the Knights turned in their uniforms.

"He said, 'I'll see you next season,'" Abby Evard said.

A number of soccer players attended Bowen's viewing on Monday, Abby Evard said.

Abby Evard's father, Tony, served as a volunteer assistant coach last season with the Knights. Tony Evard said he will always remember Bowen's positive attitude in the face of what he was dealing with.

"He'd go to treatment in Goshen, then come back and run a full practice," Tony Evard said. "He taught me a lot … He was never negative, he was always upbeat."

If there was one overriding lesson that came from Bowen's battle with cancer, Tony Evard said, it was the idea that tomorrow isn't guaranteed.

"Enjoy and take advantage of every day," Tony Evard said.

DePew said Bowen's June resignation enabled athletic officials to begin the hiring process in plenty of time to have a new coach on board for the 2009 season, which begins with practices on Monday, Aug. 3. A new coach has been hired, pending East Noble school board approval.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 22, 2009, Wednesday

Greg Bowen, 54

AVILLA – Greg Bowen, age 54, of Avilla, and former East Noble High School girls soccer coach, died peacefully on Friday, July 17, 2009 at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Bowen was born in Topeka, Kansas on December 23, 1954 to Forest Dean and Patsy Jane (Reasor) Bowen. He graduated from Rolling Meadows High School in Rolling Meadows, Illinois in 1973.

He attended tech school in Louisville, Kentucky and earned an associate degree in electronics. Currently, Greg was attending IPFW to get his bachelor's degree in education.

He married Tina B. Hall on March 1, 1981 in Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Greg was employed for more than 30 years with IBM as a systems assurance specialist. He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville where he was currently serving as elder. He also taught the "Faith Incubators" confirmation class at St. John.

Coach Bowen helped orginate and develop the NASA soccer organization in Kendallville in the early 1990's. He coached the girls travel soccer club, Citadel, in Fort Wayne for many years and was involved in coaching the East Noble girls soccer team for the past eight years, three of them as head coach.

He also coached St. John's girls basketball, Avilla Youth Baseball and YMCA youth basketball.

Greg was past president of the Teen-Parent Co-op (Life and Family Services) board of directors in Kendallville.

He also loved the outdoors and fishing.

Survivors include: his wife, Tina Bowen of Avilla; three sons, Nathanael (Sarah) Bowen of Avilla, Jonathan Bowen of Avilla, Jacob Bowen of Avilla; a daughter, Christa (Kenneth) Bowen of Avilla; a foster son and their children, Korcel and (Olga) Price and Marina and Kamilah Price all of Tucson, Arizona; a grandson, Grant Bowen of Avilla, his parents, Forest and Patsy Bowen of Fort Wayne; a brother, Steve (Maria) Bowen of Anderson.

Funeral Services were July 21, 2009 at St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service were Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Life and Family Services or St. John Lutheran Church.

Assisting the family with arrangements is Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 22, 2009, Wednesday

Lou Winebrenner, 82

COLUMBIA CITY — Lou E. Winebrenner, 82, of Columbia City, formerly of Albion, Ind. and Akron, Ohio, died suddenly at her daughter's house at 6:04 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2009.

Services were July 20, 2009 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion. Burial took place in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Warren Samuel Hummell, 88

ALBION -- Warren Samuel Hummell, age 88, a resident of rural Albion, died Friday, July 17, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana following a brief illness.

He was born on March 16, 1921 in Braddock, PA, a son of the late Samuel H. and Jessie M. (Richey) Hummell. He was united in marriage on November 4, 1940 in Cumberland, MD. to M. Harriett Weist who survives. As a young man he served in the U.S. Army during WWII, earning the American Theater Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Victory Medal. He retired in 1984 after 22 years as an Electrical Inspector for the State of Pennsylvania. He and Harriett lived in Churubusco, Indiana before moving to Albion in 1990. He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post, and the Disabled American Veterans.

In addition to his wife Harriett he is survived by three sons, Wesley H.C. (Sharon) Hummell of Albion, Reginald D. Hummell of Tensed, Idaho, Kenneth W. (Jo) Hummell of Fort Wayne, and one daughter, Leona H. Sterling of Eighty Four, Pa., 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a half sister and three half brothers.

Private graveside services were held Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Disabled American Veterans. Sheets & Childs Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements. You are invited to leave a memorial to the family by logging onto, www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 23, 2009, Thursday

Lois Greenamyer

FREMONT — Lois Fern Greenamyer, 99, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Greenamyer

For many years Mrs. Greenamyer was the Linotype operator at the Fremont Eagle, working for both the Warren Wells and Howard Flaishan families.

She also wrote news for a number of newspapers, at one time being recognized as the longest running correspondent in Indiana.

During World War II, she was also employed at the Fremont Telephone Co. office.

In her later years, she owned and operated a store in her home where she made many, many friends, especially with school children.

For many years she worked as a volunteer on the Mental Health Gift Project, for which she received many honors.

Lois was a graduate of Fremont High School.

She was a member of the Fellowship of Christan United Singles, Tri-State Seniors and the Red Hat Society.

Lois attended the Fremont Community Church.

She was born April 1, 1910, in Wren, Ohio, to Samuel Judson and Emily (LaRue) Everett. She married Earle Ralph Greenamyer on April 6, 1930. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Kaye and James Shutt of Georgetown, Pa.; a sister, Madalin Hayward of Angola; dear friends, the Thomas and Jerry Hantz family — Tom, Jerry, Brad, Karen, Courtney, Maddison and Taylor, all of Fremont, and Rod Hantz of Fremont and the late Shirley Hantz; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Iris "Cleo" Northam, Helen Touse and Mildred Kiehl; and two brothers, Carl Everett and Benson Everett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Hospice Chaplain Joan North officiating. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery in Fremont.

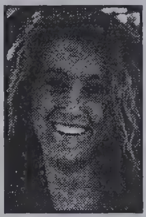
Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday, July 23, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Brooke Peters

HAMILTON — Brooke Lynn Peters, 20, of Hamilton died Monday, July 20, 2009, from injuries she received in an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of Waterloo.


Miss Peters

Miss Peters was a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee and she was taking summer classes at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. She was a 2008 graduate of Hamilton High School where she participated in many activities, both athletically and scholastically.

She was born April 24, 1989, in Fort Wayne, Ind. Her father, Charles Peters, is from Monroeville. Her mother, Tonya (Busick) Peters, and her companion, Stan Atha, live in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a brother, Logan Peters of Hamilton; two half brothers, Jason Peters of Auburn and Jamison Peters of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Leo and Jane Busick of Woodburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the New Life Community Center in Hamilton with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital of Chicago.

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Monna Tuffley

KENDALLVILLE — Monna Marie Tuffley, age 80, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tuffley was born in Bagley, Wisconsin, on March 7, 1929, to the late Everett Lloyd and Luella Aminda (Jones) Moore.

Mrs. Tuffley

She married Jesse Claire Tuffley in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on December 10, 1947, and he preceded her in death September 25, 2007.

Mrs. Tuffley was a dedicated homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother.

She cherished her family as they were most important to her.

Monna also enjoyed crocheting, baking, watching the Gameshow Network and playing cards.

She and her late husband, Jesse, loved to travel together in their motorhome.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Survivors include three sons, Robert and Pam Tuffley of Big Long Lake near Wolcottville, Ronald and Sharon Tuffley of Stroh, and Charles Tuffley and his companion, Melissa Biddle, both of Corunna; two daughters Patricia and Dr. Michael Cox of Kendallville and Janis and John Engerman of Columbia City; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Gabe and Daphne Jones, Seth and Sarah Cox, Bryce Cox and his fiance, Katie Barr, Luke Cox and his fiance, Angela Johnson, Jesse and Abby Cox, Benjamin and Ashley Tuffley, Kyle and Carolyn Tuffley, Derek Tuffley, Charles Tuffley, Danielle Tuffley, Sara and Mark Church, Beth and Joel Hampshire, Jill Engerman and Kevin Engerman; 13 great-grandchildren; a sister, Eileen Sutton of Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Travis Tuffley in 1992, and three brothers, Leland, Fred and Loren Moore.

Visitation will be Friday, July 24, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Casketbearers will be all 10 of her grandsons.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home, American Diabetes Association, or to the Ichthyosis Foundation.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Shirley Whitehouse

McCLISH LAKE — Shirley L. Whitehouse, 75, of McClish Lake in rural Hudson died Monday, July 20, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Whitehouse was a homemaker.

She was born in Lima, Ohio, on April 29, 1934, to Glen and Annabelle (Doty) Johnson. She married William H. Whitehouse on Jan. 9, 1980, in Lebanon, Tenn. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Rolland Minnick of Lime Lake, Ind., and Mark A. and Cindy Minnick of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Kelly and Pat Rasler of LaGrange, Lori Middleton of Kendallville and Chris and Brian Swoveland of LaGrange; two stepsons, William H. Whitehouse Jr. of Fort Wayne and Caleb Whitehouse of California; three stepdaughters, Dian Mason of Fort Wayne, Mary and Gary Nemeth of Fort Wayne and Tracy Cass of Huntertown; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and one sister, Carol Lowery of Leo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two grandsons.

Private family funeral services will be held.

Memorials are to donor's choice in lieu of flowers.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eugene Leedy

SYRACUSE — Eugene R. "Gene" Leedy, 71, of Syracuse died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Mary Strawser

BUTLER — Mary Martha Crabb Strawser, 95, died Saturday, July 18, 2009, at Zionsville Nursing Home.

She was a former resident of Butler, Rome City and South Milford.

Burial was in the Butler Cemetery.

Rachel Miller

TOPEKA — Rachel Diane Miller, 4 days old, of Topeka died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at her home. She had been ill since birth.

Services were Wednesday and burial was in Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Lois Greenamyer

FREMONT — Lois Fern Greenamyer, 99, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Greenamyer

For many years Mrs. Greenamyer was the Linotype operator at the Fremont Eagle, working for both the Warren Wells and Howard Flaishan families.

She also wrote news for a number of newspapers, at one time being recognized as the longest running correspondent in Indiana.

During World War II, she was also employed at the Fremont Telephone Co. office.

In her later years, she owned and operated a store in her home where she made many, many friends, especially with school children.

For many years she worked as a volunteer on the Mental Health Gift Project, for which she received many honors.

Lois was a graduate of Fremont High School.

She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Lois attended the Fremont Community Church.

She was born April 1, 1910, in Wren, Ohio, to S. Judson and Emily (LaRue) Everett. She married Earle Ralph Greenamyer on April 6, 1930. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Kaye and James Shutt of Georgetown, Pa.; a sister, Madalin Hayward of Angola; dear friends, the Thomas and Jerry Adams family — Tom, Jerry, Brad, Karen, Courtney, Maddison and Taylor, all of Fremont, and Rod Hantz of Fremont and the late Shirley Hantz; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

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Calling was Thursday, July 23, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Leedy

SYRACUSE — Memorial services for Raymond Eugene "Gene" Leedy, 71, of Syracuse will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Calvary United Methodist Church, 801 S. Huntington St. in Syracuse with the Rev. David Herr officiating.

Burial will be in Pierceton Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mr. Leedy died Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at his Syracuse home.

J.B. Tingley

MONTPELIER, Ohio — J.B. Tingley, 90, of Montpelier died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at West Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church.

Private family burial services will be at Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home in Montpelier.

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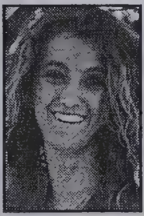
Brooke Peters

HAMILTON — Brooke Lynn Peters, 20, of Hamilton died Monday, July 20, 2009, from injuries she received in an automobile accident on U.S. 6 west of Waterloo.


Miss Peters

Miss Peters was a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee and she was taking summer classes at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. She was a 2008 graduate of Hamilton High School where she participated in many activities, both athletically and scholastically.

She was born April 24, 1989, in Fort Wayne, Ind. Her father, Charles Peters, is from Monroeville. Her mother, Tonya (Busick) Peters, and her companion, Stan Atha, live in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a brother, Logan Peters of Hamilton; two half brothers, Jason Peters of Auburn and Jamison Peters of Fort Wayne; her grandparents, Leo and Jane Busick of Woodburn; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton Life Center in Hamilton with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital of Chicago.

John Eicher

TOPEKA — John S. Eicher, 85, of Topeka, formerly of Shipshewana, died at 11:38 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009, in his residence.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday at his residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop LeRoy Troyer. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Betty Weigold

CHURUBUSCO — Betty M. Weigold, 78, a former resident of Eel River Township in Allen County, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Interment will be in the family plot at Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Weigold's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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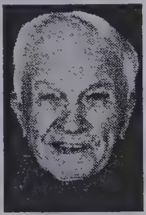
Harold Reinoehl

ASHLEY — Longtime educator Harold Edward Reinoehl, 94, of Ashley died Friday, July 24, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home. He lived his entire life in DeKalb County, mostly in the rural Ashley area.


Mr. Reinoehl

Mr. Reinoehl attended the elementary one-room Shipe School in Fairfield Township in DeKalb County, graduated from Ashley High School in 1933 and from Manchester College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.

He started his teaching career in 1936 at the one-room Hartman School. At the closing of the one-room schools in Fairfield Township in 1938, Mr. Reinoehl moved to the new Fairfield Center School and remained there until he retired in 1978 after 42 years of teaching.

Mr. Reinoehl also coached baseball and basketball at Fairfield Center.

In addition to teaching, he farmed at his Ashley residence and enjoyed a day in the fields on his tractor or cutting wood.

He was a 70-year member of the St. Johns United Church of Christ near Ashley and the DeKalb County and State Retired Teachers Associations.

He was born Dec. 27, 1914, in St. Joe to John H. and Cora (Stomm) Reinoehl. He married Hilda Mae Smith on Aug. 21, 1938, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 28, 2009. They were married 70 years.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Max and Sharon Reinoehl of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Richard Ditmars of Auburn; five grandchildren, Todd Reinoehl and his friend Carla, Tammy and Steve Gilbert, Troy and Lara Reinoehl, Eric and Mary Ditmars and Kurt Ditmars and his friend, Jennifer; 10 grandchildren; one half brother, John Reinoehl of Angola; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Beth and Bill Hoskins, Isabelle and Reuben Kravik, Gilbert and Barbara Smith, Jeanne Knisely, Janet Tracey, Jean Reinoehl, Van Smith, Wayne Smith and Burdette Parr.

Mr. Reinoehl was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his stepmother, Effie Hamman Reinoehl; two brothers, Henry and Willis Reinoehl; a half brother, Paul Reinoehl; and two half sisters, Olga Taylor and Ruth Parr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. John Kabes officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. John United Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Betty Zern

GARRETT — Betty J. Zern, 85, of Garrett, Ind., died at 3:05 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born December 17, 1923, in Garrett, Indiana, to Don and Martha (Schlueter) Zern and they preceded her in death.

She was a secretary at Wiley Export Corp. from 1943-1960 and then at Warner Gear in Auburn, Ind., from 1960-1982 when she retired.

She then worked as the secretary at the Garrett Chamber of Commerce for 20 years.

She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, Alpha Rho Chapter of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Garrett Chamber of Commerce and a Girl Scout leader for 60 years, serving on the council board.

Betty was named the Garrett Citizen of the Year in 1975.

She is survived by several cousins including Wanda and John Blackerby and family of Clio, Mich., and Marcella Zern Clabaugh and family of Garrett, Ind. She is also survived by her extended church family at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church and all the "girls" whose lives she touched as a Girl Scout leader.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, Ind. Officiating will be the Rev. Chad Trouten. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Visitation will take place from 12:30-2 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett or the Limberlost Council of the Girl Scouts of America.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Richard Ort

AUBURN — Richard L. "Chip" Ort, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at his campsite at Grand View Bend Campground in LaGrange.

Mr. Ort

He was born September 1, 1938, in Woodburn to Bert and Dora (Clark) Ort. They have both preceded him in death.

He worked for 37 years at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1997.

He was a former member of the Auburn Elks Lodge. He was a member of the Northern Indiana Boating Association, serving a year as Commodore.

Mr. Ort was a 30-year association member at Grand View Bend Campground.

He enjoyed spending time with friends at Sarge's in Mongo.

He married Nancy Snyder on September 1, 1998, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mike and Tina Ort of Wolcottville and Richard Ort Jr. and his fiancee, Jan Barany, of Evansville; a daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Eddie Bohannon of Indianapolis; a stepson and his wife, Terry and Mysti Graham of Henryville, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Lori Zeidan of Spring Arbor, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenny and Mary Lou Ort of Auburn; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Pat and Larry Baker of Auburn, Margaret and John Theil of Auburn, Helen Yeiser of St. Joe and Mary Ann and Ronnie Fisher of Topeka; and two sisters-in-law, Doris Ort of Auburn and Donna Ort of Pleasant Lake.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lauren Hanner, and four brothers, Don, Zeke, Bob and Norman Ort.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Calling is from 2 p.m. until the service at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

James Uhle

AUBURN — James J. Uhle, 75, passed away Friday, July 24, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born June 29, 1934, in Jackson, Mich., to the late Joseph and Alyce Mae (Lake) Uhle.

He worked at Cadillac Plastics in Auburn, Ind., for three years and in Kalamazoo, Mich., for 16 years. He also worked for four years for the New York Central Railroad in Jackson, Mich.

James also worked at various other jobs in Jackson, Mich., during his lifetime.

James was an avid Detroit Tiger baseball fan.

James served three years in the Michigan National Guard in early 1950s and served two years in the U.S. Army, with one of those years in Korea.

He married his wife, Joy A. (McNabb) Uhle, on November 2, 1963, in Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Joy, of Auburn; and a brother, Joseph M. Uhle of Jackson, Mich.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St. Auburn.

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Ervin Mishler

TOPEKA — Ervin A. Mishler, 46, of Topeka died at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at his home after a four-year illness.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Manas Lehman residence, 6350 W. C.R. 100S, Topeka, with Bishop Glen Hostetler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home at 5855 W. C.R. 100S.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Jesse Turner

AUBURN — Jesse Turner, 92, of Romeoville, Ill., formerly of Auburn, died Friday, July 24, 2009, at Senior Star at Weber Place in Romeoville.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Virginia Sommers

READING, Mich. — Virginia Lois Sommers, 56, of Kinderhook Township, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at the home of her daughter in California Township.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

George White Funeral Home in Reading is in charge of arrangements.

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Butler mom was WWII veteran

Built airplanes that flew her future husband in Pacific

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Despite meeting the man she was going to marry in 1943, Helen Sherer waited three years to marry him, so she could serve her country in wartime.

Sherer, a longtime Butler resident, died July 14 at the age of 90.

Sherer, a Texas native, worked as a telephone operator until the beginning of World War II, when she went to work as a riveter in an airplane factory that made B-24s and B-32s. During that time, she met her husband, Alfred Sherer.

One Sunday afternoon, Alfred Sherer and his Army buddies went to the Wayside Inn in Fort Worth, Texas, and ran into a group of women. He sat down by a girl named Eloise and started to talk.

"I noted readily that we were not going to do real good," he said. But he soon clicked with Eloise's sister, Helen.

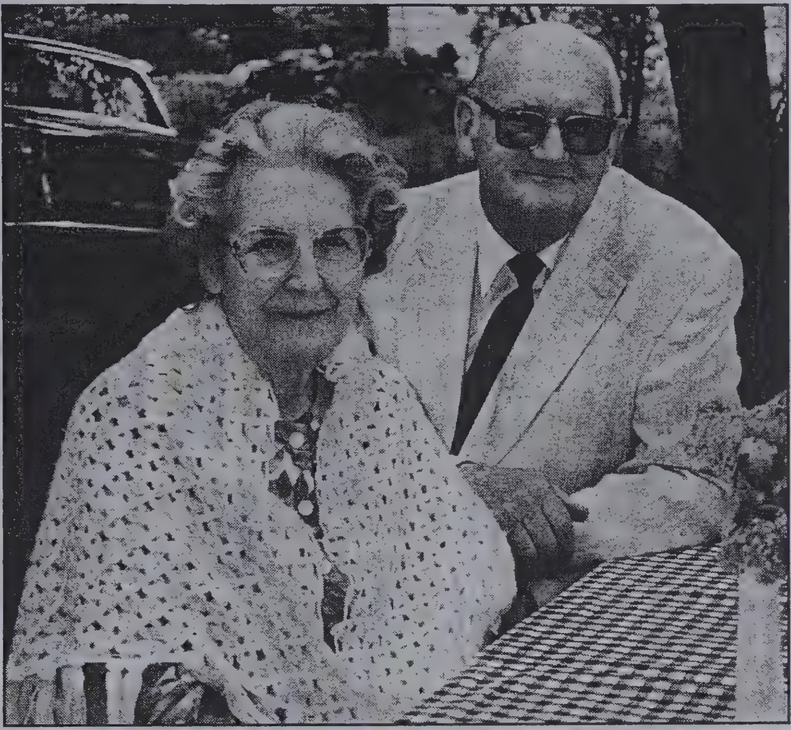
"I was rattling on, and she liked me rattling on," he said.

"She was the only one who would listen to all of Daddy's stories," said the couple's daughter, Tammy Foster of Auburn.

The pair began writing letters to each other. Alfred Sherer went to the Pacific and flew in B-24 airplanes, which Helen Sherer helped assemble.

"She was trying to make them good, so I would come back to her," he said.

Soon after meeting Alfred Sherer, Helen enlisted in the Women's Army Air Corps and was stationed at Lubbock and Fort Worth, where she did office work. Late in 1944, she requested to be assigned overseas, and trained in Des Moines, Iowa.



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Helen Sherer poses with her husband, Alfred. Sherer, who served in World War II before moving to Butler with her husband, died July 14 at the age of 90.

"Even though she was furiously in love with me, she was still going to do her duty," Alfred Sherer said.

World War II ended the day before Helen Sherer was to be shipped to the Pacific Theater. Instead, she was sent to Indian Town Gap, Pa., where she wrote discharge papers. Alfred Sherer went back to his home in Haviland, Ohio, and attended college in Findlay. Eventually, the couple boarded a bus to Haviland to visit Alfred Sherer's family.

"The word 'marriage' had never been talked about," although both had

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thought about it, Alfred Sherer said. "On the bus, she said, 'Aren't you going to ask me to marry you?' I said, 'Yes!'" He got down on one knee on the bus and proposed.

The couple had five children — Frank, Jerry, Linda, Vickie and Tammy.

Alfred Sherer, a teacher, moved the family to Butler in 1961 to teach Spanish at Eastside Junior-Senior High School.

Helen Sherer stayed at home and raised her children. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and canning.

"She had a lot of beautiful peonies," as well as a vegetable patch and an herb garden, Alfred Sherer said.

Foster said her mother taught her and her sisters how to cook, can and iron.

"She even had us iron Daddy's handkerchiefs," she said. She never let her daughters use the pressure canner, because she was afraid it might blow up and hurt them, but they did snap beans and prepare vegetables and fruit.

"We did the prepatory work, and she did the dangerous part," Foster said.

The family enjoyed driving to Texas each year to visit Helen Sherer's family.

"Our car got fuller and fuller as the kids got bigger and bigger," Alfred Sherer said.

Once the children grew up and went to college, Helen Sherer didn't slow down. She worked as a library aide at Eastside until the couple retired. After retiring, they sold lumber from a property in Ohio until they were in their 70s and could no longer do the physical labor required.

Helen Sherer belonged to the John Houlton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and attended the Steuben County Church of Christ and the Waterloo Church of Christ. She was especially devoted to missionary work.

"Daddy told her, 'We can't feed all the starving children in the world,' but she wanted to," Foster said. Helen Sherer also told Foster that she always sent in sweepstakes entries, and said that if she won, the money would go "to spread God's word and feed the starving children," Foster said. "She didn't want any attention brought to herself."

John Toles

DALLAS LAKE — John S. Toles, 62, of Dallas Lake died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at his home following a two-year-long illness.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donna Pierce

MODOC — Donna J. Pierce, 87, formerly of Modoc, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Glen Oaks Health Campus, New Castle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Blountsville Congregational Christian Church. Burial will be in Mooreland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. today in Culberson Funeral Home, Modoc, and at the church after 10 a.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to Blountsville Congregational Christian Church.

Arnold Weimer

LIGONIER — Arnold R. Weimer, 70, of Ligonier died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Doris Rediger

LEO — Doris Mae Rediger, 83, of Leo died Friday, July 24, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rediger

She retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools and was an avid doll collector. She was a member of Grabill Missionary Church.

She was born in Huntertown.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jim Rediger of Grabill and Tom and Sherry Rediger of Leo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Kenny Brown of Auburn and Jane and Richard Lengacher of Grabill; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Gloria and Richard O'Connor; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Virgil and Margaret Herdman, Floyd and Deloris Herdman and Robert Herdman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and a sister, Mary Ann Rarick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State, Grabill. Burial will be in Leo Memorial.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church and Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Grabill Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Hockemeyer Funeral Home.

Hilda Perkins

AUBURN — Hilda L. Perkins, 94, of Auburn died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Perkins

She was born June 14, 1915, in Corunna, the daughter of the late Harley and Rosa Reynolds.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharen Ramsey of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Diane Perkins Jr. of Kendallville; brother and sister-in-law, Max and Donna Reynolds of Auburn; grandchildren Laurie and Michael Jaffey, Jeanne and Marty Loman, Greg and Brenda Perkins, Beth and Ned Broadwater and Andrew Perkins and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin B. Perkins Sr., brothers, Gerald, Olen and Donald Reynolds; and a sister, Jeanette Cramer.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10 a.m. until noon at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services.

Virginia Sommers

READING, Mich. — Virginia Lois Sommers, 56, of Kinderhook Township, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2009, at her daughter's home in California Township.

She was born Oct. 20, 1952, in Battle Creek, Mich., the daughter of William and Lois (Kraus) Miller.

Survivors include her husband, David Alan Sommers, whom she married Dec. 3, 1994; two daughters, Jeannie and Rick Robbins Schewe of Montgomery, Mich., and Tonia Foulk of Montgomery, Mich.; one son, Douglas Foulk of Montgomery; three sisters Evelyn and Myron Wolcott of Union City, Mich., Edith Smith of Marshall, Mich. and Lucile Miller of Tekonsha, Mich.; two brothers, Clyde Wallace of Terre Haute and William Miller of Tekonsha, Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Her parents, one brother and one grandson preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials to the family would be appreciated.

Arrangements are by George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich.

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Gerald Neu, former Fort Wayne Police Chief, dies

FORT WAYNE — WANE-TV reports that Gerald Neu, 77, former Fort Wayne Police Chief, died Friday at his home in Fort Wayne.

Neu graduated from North Side High School in 1950 and attended St. Francis University. He was a military police officer in the U.S. Army and served on the Fort Wayne Police Department from 1957 through 1977, retiring as chief of police.

During his time as a police officer, he was an administrator of the Allen Superior Court Misdemeanor Traffic Division.

After retiring from the police department, he served as the superintendent of public streets from 1978 to 1979; served with the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney staff; was an investigator for the Allen County Welfare Department; worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation; and served on the State of Indiana Alcohol Beverage Commission.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 47 and Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police. He was an honorary Kentucky Colonel and Honorary Commander of the Old Fort. He received the 1973 Liberty Bell presented by the Allen County Bar Association, and was 1977 Police Officer of the year.

In 1959, he was one of the founders of the Police Athletic League and its first director. He was a team member of the state champion F.O.P basketball team in 1957-58 and City Fast Pitch Champion Team "Baker Standard Service" in 1963. He was also a former football coach at Queen of Angels Catholic Grade School during early 1970s.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue with calling one hour prior and Father Gary Sigler officiating.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

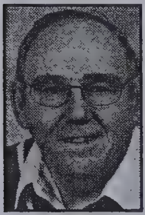
To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 27, 2009, Monday

Arnold Weimer

LIGONIER — Arnold R. Weimer, 70, of Ligonier died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at 3:36 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, of natural causes.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Weimer worked as a water softener serviceman and farmed for many years. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.


Mr. Weimer

He was born Oct. 21, 1938, in Noble County to Lennel and Hazel (Hunter) Weimer, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 24, 1956, he married Darlene M. Beard. She preceded him in death on Aug. 22, 1997.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad Weimer of Springcreek, Nev., Perry Weimer of Wilmot, Wes and Melissa Weimer of Cromwell and Michael and April Weimer of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Hammond of Warsaw and Ginger and Orlando Fernandez of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Leonard Mauzy of Fort Wayne.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Ruby Weimer; two brothers, Lennel "Pat" and John Weimer; and a great-granddaughter, Marissa Squadrito.

Services will be Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling will be Wednesday, July 29, 2009 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Operation Foundation, P.O. Box 289, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

In Loving Memory Of Judith Puckett

June 17, 1944 - July 27, 2008

We feel a warmth around us
like your presence is so near,
And we close our eyes to visualize
your face when you were here,
We endure the times we spent together
and they are locked inside our hearts,
For as long as we have those memories
we will never be apart,
Even though we cannot speak any more
your voice is always here,
Because every night before we sleep
we have you in our prayers.

Love,
Debbie & Jeff & Family
Phil & Melanie & Family
Robin

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 27, 2009, Monday

John Toles

DALLAS LAKE — John Sennett Toles, 62, of Dallas Lake near Wolcottville, died on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at his residence on Dallas Lake.

Mr. Toles

Mr. Toles was born in Syracuse, New York on Aug. 19, 1946, to the late Orson Herbert and Helen Josephine (Sennett) Toles. He graduated from North Rose-Wolcott High School in 1964 and married Lynn Faye Eastman on Aug. 18, 1978, in Morristown, New Jersey. She survives at Dallad Lake.

He was district and regional account marketing and sales manager with Eastman Kodak of Rochester, New York from 1964 until his retirement in 1996. He continued his career with London Litho-Enovation Graphics in Fort Wayne from 1996-2006.

John loved deer hunting, fishing and boating. He was involved in farming since he was a child and after his retirement, he purchased land in the Albion area to raise beef cattle and hay. Along with his sons, he owned "Forever Outdoors" Toles and Sons Tree Farm near South Milford. He loved spending time in the woods and tinkering around the barn.

John was very involved and volunteered many hours at Black Pine Animal Park in Albion. He was instrumental in the relocation and construction of the new park. He enjoyed traveling to visit family, down hill snow skiing, and spending time his family and grandkids.

Survivors with his wife include two daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea and Marc Dwyer of Warner Robins, Ga., and Jessica and Joshua Price of Cheney, Kan.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Angela Toles of Kendallville and Nathan Toles of Kendallville and his fiance, Julie Wall of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jonathan and Sarah Toles, and Eli Price; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Sharon Toles of Honeoye Falls, N.Y., Richard and Sheila Toles of Wolcott, N.Y., and James Toles of Minnesota.

Visitation will be Friday, July 31, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Honorary casket bearers are his sons, Michael and Nathan; grandsons, Jonathan and Joshua; son-in-law, Marc; and brothers, Richard and Robert.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership or the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 27, 2009, Monday

Ralph Ackerman

LAGRANGE — Ralph L. Ackerman Jr., 69, of LaGrange died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Ackerman

He retired from the Dometic Corp. in 2003 after working there since 1962. He worked in management as the administrative service manager. He had spent his lifetime in LaGrange and Noble counties. He was a member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church and was an avid golfer. He also served his country in the U.S. Army.

He was born on July 7, 1940, in Brimfield to the late Ralph L. and Mary Margaret (Black) Ackerman Sr. On Jan. 16, 1965, he married E. Joyce (Atwater) in LaGrange. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet and Craig Hart of Wolcottville and Deb Ackerman of Michigan City; two grandchildren, Alex and Kaylie Hart of Wolcottville; a sister and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Don Hoover of Rome City; and two brothers and sisters in-law, Jerry L. and Emmaline Ackerman of Prestonsburg, Ky., and John W. and Toni Ackerman of Wolcottville.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Pastor Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be at the funeral home today, July 27, 2009, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m.

Memorials may be contributed to LaGrange County Cancer Society or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Emma Ludy

WATERLOO — Emma L. Ludy, 66, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at the home of her daughter in Angola.

She was born Feb. 7, 1943, in Decatur to Achiel and Mary (Newman) Colpeart. They preceded her in death. She was a homemaker. She married Thomas J. Ludy on Oct. 10, 1969, in Decatur and he died Nov. 21, 2008.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick A. and Heather Ludy of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lori A. and Billy Abbott of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Karen Colpeart of Portland; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Ed Campbell of Brighton, Mich.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 8, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. Calling is three hours prior to the service from 10 a.m. until the service at 1 p.m. on Aug. 8.

Memorials are directed to The American Cancer Society.

Albert Baden

BRYAN, Ohio — Albert W. Baden, 92, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance, Ohio.

Mr. Baden was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army from June 10, 1941, to July 25, 1945, in the 135th Medical Regiment. He was engaged in farming with his brother, Leo.

He was born in Sherwood, Ohio, on Dec. 9 1916, to Henry and Olga (Heisler) Baden. He married M. Charlotte Baden on June 1, 1947. She preceded him in death on Oct. 7, 2007.

Surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Janet Baden of Sherwood, Ohio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca and Robert Albertson of Defiance, Susan and William Essman of Angola and Julie and Gregory Seibert of Defiance; 10 grandchildren, including Joe Essman, Jordan Essman and Max Essman of Angola; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at St. John's Lutheran Church, Openlander Road, Sherwood, Ohio, at 1 p.m. today, July 27, 2009. The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. Military rites will be performed at the Sherwood cemetery immediately following the service. A luncheon will follow at the Sherwood VFW.

To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.krillfuneralservice.com

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July 28, 2009, Tuesday

Leora Barant

CAMDEN, Mich. — Leora (Wigent) Barant, age 90, of Camden, Michigan, left this world to be with her Savior on July 24, 2009. She was a mother who treated each of her three children as her favorite, a grandmother who served ice cream for breakfast and an animal lover who made cornbread for her dog.

Mrs. Barant

She was born January 6, 1919, in Camden Township to James W. and Ona B. (Richardson) Wigent. She grew up on a farm in Reading, Michigan, with her mother, father, five brothers and four sisters, all of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by Ruth (Mrs. Edward) Wigent, whom she thought of as a sister.

On March 14, 1946, she married Edward J. Barant in Orange County, California. She was widowed December 13, 1969.

She is survived by three children: Bonnie Kay Thompson who lives in her Camden farmhouse; Edward J. Barant of Fremont, Indiana; and Rebecca (Richard) Corkle of Angola, Indiana. She will be dearly missed by all of them. She also leaves two grandchildren: Rachel Corkle of New York City and Jonathan Corkle of Angola, who saw her together for the last time on her 90th birthday — although she denied being 90. Finally, she leaves a special niece, Susie Lantz, for whom she cared for over the last decades of her life.

Leora was a member of the Nazarene Church in Reading, Michigan, and loved her church family. While at different points of her life, she took on employment outside of her home, her life's work was being a wonderful mother and grandmother, loving aunt and dear friend. She found happiness giving her time and helping people.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Leora's life at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, Michigan, on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials may be sent to the Reading Nazarene Church (children's camp fund) or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Nora Kunce

FREMONT — Nora Lee Kunce, 77, of Fremont, died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with burial in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Christopher Geiser

AUBURN — Christopher A. Geiser, 51, of Auburn died Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park, Colo.

Mr. Geiser

Mr. Geiser was a maintenance mechanic for the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Garrett.

He was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo.

He was born April 19, 1958, in Auburn to William A. and Jeanne (Frank) Geiser. His father preceded him in death on July 9, 2009, and his mother survives in Auburn.

He married Brenda Shannon on July 23, 1977, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Allison and Lynn Graber of Winter Park, Fla., Ashley Geiser of Auburn and Audra Geiser of Auburn; one son, Sean Geiser of Auburn; and one sister and brother-in-law, Annette and Randy Swank of Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Church of the Good Shepherd, 14717 Amstutz Road, Leo, with Pastor Brad Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Missions Fund of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Jesse Turner

AUBURN — Jesse Harold Turner, 92, of Romeoville, Ill., and formerly of Auburn, died July 24, 2009, in the Senior Star Memory Care Home in Romeoville after a short illness.

He was born in Linneus, Mo., Sept 2, 1916.

He is survived by his loving children, Paul Turner of Seattle, Wash., William Turner (MaryPat) of Bolingbrook, Ill., and Marilyn Butler (Paul) of Atlanta, Ga.; his grandchildren, Patrick Turner, Brian Turner (Michelle), Molly Turner, Stacey Turner, Eric Turner and AnnaBelle Bacon; and his great-grandchildren, Sarah Turner, Cole Turner and Mariella Turner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Turner; a daughter, Sharon Bacon; and a great-granddaughter, Megan Patricia Turner.

Funeral service will be at noon Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Shirley Lancaster

ANGOLA — Shirley Dee Lancaster, 73, of Angola died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Mildrid Dirig

FORT WAYNE — Mildred A. Whitmer Dirig, 96, died Sunday, July 26, 2009 at Heritage Park Health Care Center, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Adams Lake Conservation Club.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccombandsons.com.

Roalice James

LIGONIER — Roalice F. James, 81, of Ligonier, died Sunday, July 26, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

LaMar Ruhl

ANGOLA — Memorial services for LaMar Ruhl will be held Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Lake Missionary Church, 2030 West U.S. 20, Angola.

Mr. Ruhl, 84, of Mission, Texas, and formerly of Steuben County, died Saturday, June 27, 2009, at McAllen Heart Center, McAllen, Texas.

He was born July 20, 1924, to Alfred and Florence (Rogers) Ruhl.

He was retired from Weatherhead-Dana in Angola. He was a World War II naval veteran and was a 35-year member of the Orland American Legion. He was well known as a chair maker in the Country Carvers Club and attended Penitas Baptist Church in Penitas, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Margie, of Mission, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Elizabeth Ruhl of Colorado; a sister-in-law, Betty Ruhl of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Glenoris (Rogers) Ruhl; two brothers and a sister-in-law, A. Duane and Fredia Ruhl, and Robert Ruhl.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

Sampie Sparkman

ROME CITY — A memorial service for Sampie Sparkman will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at Salem United Baptist Church in Rome City.

Mr. Sparkman, of Garrett, Ky., and formerly of Cromwell, died May 15, 2008.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 29, 2009, Wednesday

Mildred Dirig

FORT WAYNE — Mildred A. Whitmer Dirig, 96, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Heritage Park Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Mildred worked as a secretary with General Electric for 40 years, retiring in 1976.

Mildred was a longtime summer resident of Adams Lake in LaGrange County.

Mrs. Dirig

She was a member of St. Patricks Catholic Church, St. Patricks Rosary Society and the GE Quarter Century Club.

Surviving are her niece, Virginia E. Thomas of Fort Wayne; nephews, William Whitmer of Angola and James Bell of Scotts Valley, Calif; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Eva Whitmer; her husband, Charles V. Dirig; a sister, Thelma Bell; and a brother, Harold Whitmer.

A funeral ceremony is at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, July 29, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with Pastor Paul Shoemaker officiating.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the Adams Lake Conservation Club.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Nora Kunce

FREMONT — Nora Lee Kunce, 77, of Fremont died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

After retiring from First National Bank of Fremont, she helped a friend pick peaches, assisted at the Garden Shed and made wreaths at the Booth Tree Farm at Christmas time.

Mrs. Kunce was a member of the Millgrove Homemakers of Orland.

She was born June 12, 1932, in Fort Wayne to Herbert and Edith (Lichtsinn) Mahaffey. She married Stanley Kunce on May 26, 1951. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathleen and Gary Kope of Hudson; a son, Michael and Kay Kunce of Fremont; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Jacqueline and Irving Kurman of Redondo Beach, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister, Helen Hutchinson; and two half brothers, Ralph Mahaffey and Lowell Mahaffey.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 29, 2009, Wednesday

Roalice James

LIGONIER — Roalice F. James, 81, of Ligonier died at 11:40 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2009, of natural causes at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. James

Mrs. James had moved to the area in 1965 from Sandusky, Ohio.

She had retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier.

Mrs. James attended Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier.

She was born Dec. 6, 1927, in Wise, Va., to Earl and Callie (Dotson) Wheatley. She married Joe James on May 15, 1946, in Whitesburg, Ky. He preceded her in death in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Lynn James of Topeka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenna Fay and Jim Clark of Ligonier and Jo Etta "Jody" and Sam Stump of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Earline Blankenbecler of Ligonier.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Ann Coburn; a granddaughter, Christina Hilker; and a brother, J.D. Wheatley.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Dovich

NEW HAVEN — Mary M. Dovich, 61, of New Haven and formerly of Van Wert, Ohio, died Monday, July 27, 2009, at her residence.

Private family services will be held later.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Arrangements are by E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Clydean Lewallen

SYRACUSE — Clydean Lewallen, 60, of Syracuse died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery near Syracuse.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Dilgard

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Margaret (Morr) Dilgard, 89, a former Auburn resident and wife of Max Dilgard, died early Saturday, July 25, 2009, at a Scottsdale group home after a long illness.

Services will be Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary in Scottsdale.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 29, 2009, Wednesday

Nora McNab Drescher, 89

PORTLAND — Nora McNab Drescher, 89, died July 28, 2009 after a stroke and causes related to age. She was born Nora Stangland near Albion, Ind. May 6, 1920 to Omar and Fannie Stangland, the youngest of eight children. She was the last surviving member of her generation.

After graduating from Purdue University and receiving a degree in Home Economics and Child Development she traveled west to work at the Seattle Times and then to Denver where she was employed by the

US government at war time day care centers.

While in Denver she met and married Murray D. McNab, a sergeant in the Air Force. After the war they moved to The Dalles, Ore. where they raised their five children.

She was active in the United Church of Christ and helped start a cooperative nursery school there. During several summers she worked with children of migrant farm workers during the cherry season and was a 4-H leader for several years. She served as dietician for The Dalles General Hospital for a time and also was a director of child care centers, including her own.

In 1974 she and her husband moved to Underwood, Wash., there they built and operated the Partridge Inn until his death in 1976.

She continued with the Inn and married Jacques Moyse in 1980. They retired to Portland where he died in 1992. In her retirement she continued her love of writing and had several articles, three cookbooks and three novels self-published. Her first novel portrayed her great-grandfather, Andreas Stangland who came with the first Norwegians to America in 1825.

In 1995 she married Hubert (Hub) Drescher and they moved to his home in St. Paul, Ore. Failing health later resulted in a move back to The Dalles where she could be aided by family.

She is survived by her husband Hub, a daughter Barbara McNab of The Dalles; son Michael and wife, Dorothy of Memphis, Tenn.; daughter Christine and husband Dallas Denton of The Dalles; son Andrew and wife, Lynda of Grangeville, Id.; and son Peter and wife Jamie, of Underwood, Wash. She was also the grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of five, all of whom enjoyed their "grandma days" and sponsored trips abroad. She also enjoyed getting to know her five Drescher stepchildren and their families.

No services will be held; a memorial family gathering was featured prior to her death. Memorials can be made to the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project, PO Box 1469, Sherwood OR 97140, or, family and friends are encouraged to plant a memorial tree in their own backyard.

Arnold R. Weimer, 70

LIGONIER — Arnold R. Weimer, 70, of Ligonier died Saturday, July 25, 2009, at 3:36 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, of natural causes.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Weimer worked as a water softener serviceman and farmed for many years. He was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church.

He was born Oct. 21, 1938, in Noble County to Lennel and Hazel (Hunter) Weimer, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 24, 1956, he married Darlene M. Beard. She preceded him in death on Aug. 22, 1997.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad Weimer of Springcreek, Nev., Perry Weimer of Wilmot, Wes and Melissa Weimer of Cromwell and Michael and April Weimer of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally Hammond of Warsaw and Ginger and Orlando Fernandez of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Norma and Leonard Mauzy of Fort Wayne.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Ruby Weimer; two brothers, Lennel "Pat" and John Weimer; and a great-granddaughter, Marissa Squadrito.

Services will be Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier. Burial will be at Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling will be Wednesday, July 29, 2009 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Operation Foundation, P.O. Box 289, Ligonier, IN 46767.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 29, 2009, Wednesday

Carol S. Pearson, 64

HUNTINGTON – Carol S. Pearson, age 64, of Huntington, died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday (July 25, 2009) at her home.

Carol was born on January 25, 1945 in Huntington, to Floyd A. and Eva Leota (Gaskill) Weaver. She graduated from Huntington Township High School in 1963. Carol was married to Gary W. Hoch for 21 years before his death on September 9, 1987. Then on May 3, 1991 in Huntington, she married Nelson Lee Pearson.

Carol was a pharmaceutical technician for over 27 years at the Huntington Memorial Hospital and an insurance agent with American Family Insurance Company from 1989-1999.

Along with her husband, Nelson, they were the former owners of Grandma's and Grandpa's Child Day Care providing loving care for many Huntington children for over 10 years. She also worked 8 years at the former Burger Dairy Store. Carol was a member of the New Hope United Brethren in Christ Church and The Happening Energized Committee at the Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include her husband – Nelson Lee Pearson of Huntington; one son – Robert Glen (Lisa) Hoch of Huntington; one daughter – Deanna (Jeffrey) Albertson; two stepdaughters – Kathryn (Christopher) Gamble of Andrews and Paula (Shelby) Sprouse of Huntington; three brothers – Ralph (Norma) Weaver of Ossian, William (Marsha) Weaver of Ft. Wayne and Harold (Jane) Weaver of Albion; two sisters – Mary Miller of Markle and Esther (Max) Poling of Fullerton, California; a sister-in-law and best friend – Betty Wilson of Markle; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her parents, brothers – Frank Weaver, Paul Weaver, Jr. and Gerald Weaver; two sisters – Bessie L. Weaver and Marjory Stephens; and a stepson – Michael Pearson, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Huntington. Reverend Ray Seilhamer and Reverend Lynn Mefferd officiated and burial was in the Andrews Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Services for Huntington County or to New Hope Church Building Fund in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive Huntington, IN.

Raymond Eugene Leedy, 71

SYRACUSE – Raymond Eugene (Gene) Leedy, 71, of Syracuse died at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at his residence. He was born on January 13, 1938 in Etna, IN to Kenneth R. & Lona M. (Gaff) Leedy.

He graduated in 1956 from Larwill High School and attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN. He was a Whitley, Noble, & Kosciusko County lifetime area resident and moved to Syracuse in 1975. He was married on April 30, 1981 in Syracuse to Sherry L. (Hershberger) Hoover who survives.

He was formerly employed as an accountant at Sam Patton Accounting in Ligonier for many years. He was co-owner & operator of Leedy's Variety Store in Cromwell, Ligonier & Wolcottville in the 1960's & 70's. He was also the owner of Merchandise Access & R.E. Leedy Tax Services both of Syracuse.

He was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse, former charter member of the Wawasee Kiwanis Club in Syracuse, and was a former Boy Scout Leader in Cromwell. He served in the United States National Guard.

He is survived by: wife, Sherry Leedy of Syracuse; two daughters, Debra Hasse of Syracuse and Lisa Leedy of Bloomington; four sons, Tom (Kerri Axel) Leedy of Kendallville, Greg Leedy of Cromwell, Kevin (Terri) Leedy of Hudson, IN, Steve (Michelli) Leedy of Elko, NV; one step-son, James Hoover of Syracuse; twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Daryle (Marlene) Hill of Albion; one brother, Tony Leedy of Ft. Lauderdale, FL

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister – Joy Butler.

Memorial services were at the Calvary United Methodist Church, with Rev. David Herr of the church officiating. Burial will be in the Pierceton Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial bequest may be given to Calvary United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church.

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Leora Barant

CAMDEN, Mich. — Leora (Wigent) Barant, age 90, of Camden, Michigan, left this world to be with her Savior on July 24, 2009. She was a mother who treated each of her three children as her favorite, a grandmother who served ice cream for breakfast and an animal lover who made cornbread for her dog.

Mrs. Barant

She was born January 6, 1919, in Camden Township to James W. and Ona B. (Richardson) Wigent. She grew up on a farm in Reading, Michigan, with her mother, father, five brothers and four sisters, all of whom preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by Ruth (Mrs. Edward) Wigent, whom she thought of as a sister.

On March 14, 1946, she married Edward J. Barant in Orange County, California. She was widowed December 13, 1969.

She is survived by three children: Bonnie Kay Thompson who lives in her Camden farmhouse; Edward J. Barant of Fremont, Indiana; and Rebecca (Richard) Corkle of Angola, Indiana. She will be dearly missed by all of them. She also leaves two grandchildren: Rachel Corkle of New York City and Jonathan Corkle of Angola, who saw her together for the last time on her 90th birthday — although she denied being 90. Finally, she leaves a special niece, Susie Lantz, for whom she cared for over the last decades of her life.

Leora was a member of the Nazarene Church in Reading, Michigan, and loved her church family. While at different points of her life, she took on employment outside of her home, her life's work was being a wonderful mother and grandmother, loving aunt and dear friend. She found happiness giving her time and helping people.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Leora's life at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, Michigan, on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Visitation will be Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Memorials may be sent to the Reading Nazarene Church (children's camp fund) or the Steuben County Humane Society.

Dennis Lash

ANGOLA — Dennis Andrew Lash, 66, of Angola died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Lash had been a certified financial planner for American Express for 20 years. He retired in 2007.

He graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes Seminary at Lake Wawasee and received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

Mr. Lash enjoyed his family, golfing, fly fishing and woodworking.

He was born August 18, 1942, in Garrett, Ind., to Albert and Charleen (Wilson) Lash. He married Kay Latier on June 11, 1966, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester, Ind. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Nick Lash of Tampa, Fla., and Ben Lash of Miami Beach, Fla.; three brothers, Fred Lash of Tuscan, Ariz., Jeff Lash of LaGrange and Sam Lash of Rome City; two sisters, Joyce Sims of Garrett and Beth Allread of Brownsburg; and a grandson, Jackson Lash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Louise Ladig.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Father Fred Pasche officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to the time of the service.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School in Avilla.

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Evelyn Campbell

LAGRANGE — Evelyn F. Campbell, 93, of LaGrange, Ind., and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Campbell was born on August 20, 1915 in Topeka, Ind., to Melvin and Blanche (Hall) Steele.

She was a 1934 Topeka High School graduate.

Living most of her married life in Fort Wayne, she worked at G.E. in Fort Wayne for 27 years.

On December 29, 1945, in Fort Wayne she married Kenneth E. Campbell. He preceded her in death on December 8, 1994.

Surviving are a stepson-in-law, Vince Wells of Kettering, Ohio; three stepgrandchildren, Michael Wells of Warner Robins, Ga., Daniel Wolf of Wellsville, Ohio, and Mary Wolf of Dayton, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Maryann Steele of Rockford, Ala.; two nieces, Royann Sprunger of Topeka, Ind., and Nancy Molinas of Vero Beach, Fla.; and two nephews, Larry Hartzler of Ligonier, Ind., and Robert Steele of Cape May, N.J.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two stepdaughters, Margaret Wells and Phyllis Wolf; a stepson-in-law, Donald Wolf; two sisters, Gladys Whitford and Mae Hartzler; and two brothers, Gerald and Glenn Steele.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. David Kushman officiating.

Burial will be in Eden Cemetery in Topeka, Ind.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mary Sills

WEST OTTER LAKE — Mary Ruth Ann Sills, 66, of West Otter Lake died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

No services or calling.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Markham

GRABILL — Betty Martha Markham, 77, of Grabill died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Crossview Church, 13313 Indiana St., Grabill, with Pastor Keith Moore officiating. Burial in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be held Thursday from 6-8 p.m, at the church.

Memorials to Blackhawk Ministries or Crossview Church.

Arrangements by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Mary Showalter

GARRET — Mary Ann Showalter, 64, died Wednesday July 29, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 4, 2009 at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 1 hour prior to the service from 2-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Kidney Foundation or the Diabetes Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 31, 2009, Friday

Deloris Lamb

FORT WAYNE — Deloris A. Lamb, 75, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Regency Place.

Mrs. Lamb had retired from Kroger.

She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Frank Joseph of Carmel; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory M. and Loristene Lamb of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen Fischer of Fort Wayne, Donald and Connie Fischer of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sherry Fischer of Leo; and Nancy Jo Fischer of Avilla; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Alice and Donald Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth and Kent Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy Lamb of Auburn and Harold DeLong of Auburn; grandchildren, Amanda Joseph and Austin Joseph, both of Fishers, and Angel Noel and DeAngelo Samuel, both of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Anthony Wilkes of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Lamb; her parents, William and Victoria Fischer; two sisters, Irene DeLong and Janette Fischer; a brother, Thomas Fischer; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hippenhammer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Pepe

FREMONT — Jane Harriet Pepe, 88, of Fremont, Indiana, and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, and Scottsdale, Arizona, died July 28, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola, Indiana. She had been a patient there for 21 months.

Jane was born May 17, 1921, to Charles E. and Irene L. (LaPoint) Akers in Toledo, Ohio. She married Stan Brown on October 17, 1944.

In 1967, Jane and Stan built and directed Brown's High Hope Camp, an outdoor education center and summer camp for children at Clear Lake, Indiana. They operated it until Stan's death on February 26, 1976. Jane sold the camp to her son and later her daughter, who continued operation of High Hope Camp until 2005.

She married Les Pepe in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 29, 1980. He survives in Fremont.

Jane is also survived by one son, Paul Chapman Brown (Sue) of Tiki Island, Texas, and one daughter, Kathleen Jane Shuman (Bill) of Angola, Indiana. Her grandchildren include Karen Barnes, Michael Brown, Sarah Jane Hunt (Don) and William L. Shuman III "Billy" (Courtney). She has two great-grandchildren, Whitney Barnes and Austin Joseph Hunt. Les's family includes Dennis (Penny) Pepe, Arlene (Richard) Boyer, Jan (Harmon) Morell, Larry (Joanie) Pepe and Tom Pepe, with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jane treasured life. She loved to dance, shop, play cards especially euchre, watch "Pretty Woman" and later in life root for the Phoenix Suns. She was a classy and feisty lady. Her three top priorities were her husband, her family (and close friends), and her home. You often would hear her say, "We have so much to be thankful for." Jane made friends wherever she went. She learned to ride horses when her children were young, since she and Stan felt it would be a great family hobby.

In addition to her parents and her first husband, Jane was preceded in death by her brother, Paul Akers, and his wife, Beverly.

A memorial service is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 8, at 11 a.m. at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Fremont, Indiana.

Calling will be one hour before the service.

Burial will be immediately following the service in Clear Lake Lutheran Church Cemetery.

The family requests no flowers. Preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105; Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Fremont, Indiana 46737; or to the donor's choice of charity.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Shirley Kelley

ORLAND — Shirley Joyce Kelley, 70, of Orland, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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August 1, 2009, Saturday

Deloris Lamb

FORT WAYNE — Deloris A. Lamb, 75, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Regency Place.

Mrs. Lamb had retired from Kroger.

She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Frank Joseph of Carmel; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory M. and Loristene Lamb of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen Fischer of Fort Wayne, Donald and Connie Fischer of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sherry Fischer of Leo; and Nancy Jo Fischer of Avilla; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Alice and Donald Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth and Kent Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy Lamb of Auburn, Roberta Montel of Avilla and Harold DeLong of Auburn; grandchildren, Amanda Joseph and Austin Joseph, both of Fishers, and Angel Noel and DeAngelo Samuel, both of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Anthony Wilkes of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Lamb; her parents, William and Victoria Fischer; two sisters, Irene DeLong and Janette Fischer; a brother, Thomas Fischer; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hippenhammer.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, Aug. 1, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Beth Hanchar

FORT WAYNE — Mary Beth Hanchar, 64, of Eel River Township in Allen County, died Friday, July 31, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Corinne K. Boruff officiating. Burial is in Huntertown Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Tuesday from 5 to 8 p. m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 2, 2009, Sunday

Greenamyer was a bundle of energy

BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — Lois Greenamyer made life very difficult for a string of typing teachers at Fremont High School.

Greenamyer, who at one point was the longest serving newspaper correspondent in Indiana, died July 21 at age 99.

Greenamyer, who began writing for newspapers as a junior in high school in 1925, worked as a Linotype operator for many years at the Fremont Eagle. According to her daughter, Mary Kaye Shutt, Greenamyer developed the habit of typing only with her right index finger because she got used to the very different Linotype keyboard.

"Whenever the school would get a new typing teacher, they would always end up hearing 'Why do we have to type with two hands? Lois doesn't,'" Shutt said. "She could do 50 or 60 words a minute, accurately."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Lois Greenamyer helped to raise Thomas Adams as a young man, and she remained close with his family. Adams is pictured in the front row, left, next to Greenamyer, with Adams' wife, Jerry. In the back row are the Adams' children, Courtney, Brad and Karen.

Shutt said her mother did all of her typing on the older model Royal manual typewriters. "We bought her an electric model. That lasted about three minutes. When she hit it with her finger it just went crazy."

Greenamyer also got to know many of the children of the town of Fremont by operating a school supply and candy store out of her home. "She'd buy penny candy from different suppliers and then sell it," Shutt said.

Shutt said her mother was constantly in motion. "The old undertaker n town, Howard Beams, told her he'd have to put roller skates on her casket to catch her," Shutt said. "My mother would be up 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday. We used to have hardwood floors and we had someone put down the same finish they used on basketball courts, and she would still wear the finish off the floors."

Greenamyer also had a real desire to help others, her daughter said. She worked as a volunteer for many years at the Logansport State Hospital, dealing with patients at the mental health facility.

"She did it to help people who were not as fortunate as her," Shutt said. "She would always collect little gifts and things to give away there."

Thomas Adams grew up in Fremont, and Greenamyer and her husband, Earle, helped to take care of him in his formative years, and later moved into their home when they left to find someplace smaller.

"I think she helped to take care of me when I was younger," Adams said. "I knew her from way back when." In Greenamyer's later years, particularly after Earle's death in 1994, Adams became a sort of caretaker, taking her on trips with his family to see Shutt in Pennsylvania. Before that he'd ferry Greenamyer to the nursing home to see her husband, then went to visit her when she had to go in as well. "Lois called me her adopted son, then Mary Kaye did, so I was like a member of the family."

Adams said that no matter where she went, Greenamyer's winning personality made it easy to find fellowship. "She was very outgoing," Adams said. "She made friends very easily."

Adams said he also remembered Greenamyer's trips up to Logansport, which she was making up until the point she went into the nursing home. "She used to talk about how but 'for the grace of God.' we could be in there."

Greenamyer wrote articles for The Herald Republican for many years as well, usually on social events in Fremont called "This and That." Shutt said her mother used to close with a line that might well have summarized her life.

"… and a good time was had by all."

THE NEWS SUN
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August 2, 2009, Sunday

Shirley Kelley

ORLAND — Shirley Joyce Kelley, 70, of Orland, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kelley

She was born Dec. 28, 1938, to Jim and Anna Lavachek. She married Harold "Gene" Kelley on Sept. 22, 1958, in Coldwater, Mich. He survives.

Mrs. Kelley was a homemaker. Attended Northside High School in Fort Wayne. She was formerly a member of Mother Twins Club in Angola.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa and Lonnie Friend of Seminole, Fla., and Brenda Kelley and Doug Zimmerman of Quincy, Mich.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda Nerad of Sarasota, Fla.; and a brother, Harold Lavachek of Huntertown.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue.

Carol Warner

AUBURN — Carol Ann Warner, 70, of Auburn, died Friday July 31, 2009, at her residence.

Ms. Warner

She was born Dec. 19, 1938 in Rushville, the daughter of the late John and Jean Kirkpatrick.

She was a 1956 graduate of Rushville High School and a 1960 graduate of Ball State University where she received her degree in nursing. She was a registered nurse in the US Air Force, had worked at Parkview Hospital, and most recently Betz Nursing Home as director of nursing. She was a member of the American Legion Post No. 97 and Moose Lodge No. 566.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Laura Warner of Westfield, and Jeff and Angie Warner of Auburn; grandchildren, Sean, Charlie, Ethan and Jonah; brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Beverly Kirkpatrick of Reno, Nev., and Bill and Becky Kirkpatrick of Brownsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Evans and her parents.

Celebration of life service 11 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn.

Visitation Monday 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Center Christian Church Cemetery, Rushville.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Angel Corps, 704 W. 7th Street Auburn, IN 46706.

Mary Beth Hanchar

FORT WAYNE—Mary Beth Hanchar, 64, of Eel River Township, died Friday at Parkview North Hospital. Born in Coldwater, Mich., she graduated from Fremont High School in 1963, and spent most of her adult life in Allen County. She had been employed for several years in the floral department at Kroger's West Dupont Road Store until retiring earlier this year.

Mrs. Hanchar

Surviving are her husband Phillip L. Hanchar; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jody Talarico of Fort Wayne and Michelle andGreg Endris of Bedford; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Judy Hoyer of Castle Rock, Colo., and Roger and Shirley Hoyer of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fay and Court Jarrett of Emory, Texas, and Connie and Mike Swartz of Lima, Ohio; grandchildren Jennifer Talarico, Nicole Talarico, Jade Falls, and Nicholas Endris; and three great-grandchildren.

Her parents Basil and Marcella (Sloffer) Hoyer are deceased.

Service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff officiating.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Burial in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials to Parkview Home Health & Hospice. Online condolences at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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August 3, 2009, Monday

Virginia Wilondek

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Virginia M. Wilondek, 90 of Montpelier, Ohio and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at Bryan Community Hospital in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Wilondek

She was born Oct. 31, 1918, in Garrett to Nathan and Mary (Koby) Kammerer. She married Thomas Wilondek on Oct. 17, 1940, and he died June 13, 1989.

Virginia was a homemaker and a bartender at the Garrett VFW until 1984. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the VFW Auxiliary in Garrett.

Survivors include her son and daughter in-law, Nathan and Donna Wilondek of Defiance, Ohio; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Kenneth Kammerer; and sister, Patty Brooks.

A private graveside service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook, go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Theron Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Theron L. Kurtz, 91, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, at the Brown County Health and Living Community in Nashville, Ind.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

James Tallman

ANGOLA — James Scott Tallman, 23, died Friday evening, July 31, 2009, at the Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Angola.

Lorraine Beber

GARRETT — Lorraine Beber, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009 in Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 4, 2009, Tuesday

Theron Kurtz

KENDALLVILLE — Theron L. Kurtz, age 91, formerly of Kendallville, passed away at the Brown County Health and Living Community, Nashville, Indiana, on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Mr. Kurtz

Mr. Kurtz was born March 13, 1918, in Kendallville to the late William and Zella Mae (Hunt) Kurtz.

He graduated Kendallville High School in 1938, and married his first wife, Anamae Neufer, in October of 1940. She preceded his death on November 6, 1972. He married his second wife, Blanche Kumfer, on September 20, 1983, and she preceded him in death on December 4, 2008.

Theron's entire working career was devoted to signs and sign painting. He owned Kurtz Signs in Kendallville for over 60 years, which served the Kendallville and Fort Wayne area. He started with art and chalk drawings in high school, and worked for Ligonier Garment after graduation, designing lettering. His advertising specialty business was started in Wawaka in 1945, and later moved to Kendallville in 1966. Eventually, his operation moved to Fort Wayne. His work was also a hobby, which he enjoyed for many years.

During phases of his life, in addition to painting, Theron had interests in organ music, Laurel and Hardy comedy, as well as ballroom and western dancing. He had a particular penchant for strawberry shortcake, which he would savor at any time or place that he could.

Surviving are two daughters: Sylvia and Michael Egolf of Bloomington, Indiana, and Mariann and Marvin Hall, Kimmel, Indiana; three grandchildren: Tim Egolf, Frisco, Texas, Kevin Egolf, Cumming, Georgia, and Kaleena Van Dusen, Fort Wayne, Indiana; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Josephine and Ervin Herendeen of Kendallville

One sister, Vera Marie Bodenhafer, preceded him in death in 2001.

Visitation will be Friday, August 7, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 8, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leon Pomeroy. Burial will be at the Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Maxton Ahdel

GARRETT — Maxton I. Ahdel, 1, of Garrett, passed away Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, in Fredonia Township, Mich.

He was born June 22, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Maxton Ahdel

He is survived by his parents, Leif and Kristy Ahdel of Garrett; grandparents, Greg and Cheryl Grimes of Marshall, Mich., and Eric and Annie Ahdel of Amersfoort, Netherlands; a brother, Aiden West of Garrett; a sister, Addison West of Garrett; great-grandparents, Lennart Ahdel of Chesterton, Bill and Kaye Warren of Auburn and Jerry and Doris Grimes of Fort Wayne; and a great-uncle, Joel Ahdel of Stockholm, Sweden.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Carol Ahdel.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour prior, at Auburn Church of the Nazarene 2301 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Auburn Church of the Nazarene Children's Ministry.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 4, 2009, Tuesday

Lorraine Beber

GARRETT — Lorraine B. Beber, 68, of Garrett died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

She was born May 18, 1941, in Hartford City to LeRoy S. and Grace (Matlin) Sprowl.

She worked at Stanadyne in Garrett until its closing, and she was a waitress at Gottfried's in Garrett for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Randall and Sue Beber of Kennesaw, Ga., and Clay and Melinda Beber of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Serena and Larry Vanderpool of Garrett, Pam and Larry Ley of Fort Wayne and Shelley Thews and companion Dean Shipe of Ashley; a sister, Karen Dunn of Bradenton, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, LeRoy Sprowl.

There will be no calling.

A celebration of life will be held at the Garrett Eagles on Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

To send condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Theresa Johnson

ELKHART — Theresa D. Johnson, 59, of Elkhart and formerly of Edwardsburg, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, Edwardsburg, Mich. Burial will be in Edwardsburg Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Johnny Brawley Cancer Benefit, 1557 Harrah Road, Niles, MI 49120.

Evelyn Garman

AVILLA — Evelyn A. Garman, 77, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009 in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 4, 2009, Tuesday

James Tallman

ANGOLA — James Scott Tallman, born April 23, 1987, entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Friday, July 31st, 2009. After an extremely brave and hard fought battle against leukemia diagnosed in May of '07, James succumbed to complications from two years of continuous treatments, surrounded by his family and in the arms of his Father Scott Tallman and Step Father David Johnson. Unable to attend in person, James' Mother Sharon and Sister Angela were conference-called into the room so they should share in his transition to the ultimate state of being.

Loving life, James had several passions, including cooking, music, video games, ATVs and Florida adventures. James had a very special and unique talent of bringing peace to others. James will always be remembered for his ability to love and give in the face of all adversity and always care more about others than himself. James' best friends were his Father Scott Tallman and his Step Father David Johnson (who loved James as if he were his own). David taught James more about computers and technologies than James could ever have learned in school and even more about life in general. The love shared between them was inspiring and unconditional. James very much enjoyed weekend cook offs at the lake cottage in Angola, where he would compete against his grand folks, Meg and Roger Duffey and his father, Scott Tallman. Many, many memories of wonderful meals, boat rides and late-night campfires will be a small part of James' legacy. James dreamed of one day going to chef school and becoming a chef at his favorite restaurant, Captain's Cabin in Angola, before opening his own restaurant one day.

Those who knew James will remember him best for his incredible sense of humor, his ability to make others laugh and smile, his bravery, his strength, his courage and so many other positive attributes too numerous to list. At such a young age, James was the center of his family. He loved deeply and without judgment. Rarely has one touched so many. He will be missed and remembered in our hearts forever.

Parents: Surviving: Mother — Sharon Sala Tallman, Father — Scott Tallman, Step Father David Johnson;

Grandparents: Surviving: June and Fayett Tallman, Beverly Hale, David L. and Patti Johnson, Roger and Meg Duffey, Donald "Brownie" Brown; Passed on: Missy Johnson, Flo and Robert Sala;

Sibling: Surviving: Angela Tallman;

Nieces and Nephews: Autumn and Augustun Palacios, Logan Tallman, Baby William;

Aunts and Uncles: Michael and Melanie Tallman, Tom and Cynthia Tallman, Kevin Tallman, Alice Tallman (Sal Polacios), Mark Johnson, Fran Johnson, Bryan and Julie Johnson, Robert and Ilona Sala, Don and Jennifer Sala, Diane Sala, Joanne Sala, Richard Sala, Ernie Ellis, Bobby and Julia Stone;

Formerly employed at: Taco Bell — Angola, IN and Walmart, Angola, IN.

Per James's wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held at his home in Angola, 3775 W. Shady Side Road, on Saturday, August 8th, from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home and Crematory Services of Angola. Friends may sign a guest book for Mr. Tallman at: www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 5, 2009, Wednesday

Carbon monoxide killed girl, 8

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GARRETT — Carbon monoxide killed a Garrett girl who died after a boating accident, according to autopsy results released Tuesday afternoon.

Jesslynn S. Gustin, 8, died shortly after noon Monday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, according to the Allen County coroner's office.

Coroner E. Jon Brandenberger, M.D., conducted an autopsy Tuesday afternoon. He then released his preliminary finding, ruling that the girl's death is accidental as a result of "hypoxic encephalopathy due to carbon monoxide poisoning." Hypoxic encephalopathy refers to a lack of oxygen to the brain.

The fatal incident began when Miss Gustin fell off the back of a speedboat Sunday in Huntington County, authorities said.

The girl was sitting on a swim platform at the back of a boat that was moving slowly across Roush Lake, just before 4:30 p.m. Sunday. She became unconscious and slipped into the water, said Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear.

A family member pulled her from the water within one minute, and a Samaritan Helicopter flew her to Parkview Hospital, Clear said.

"It is believed that carbon monoxide from the motor might have been a reason for the child becoming unconscious and slipping into the water," said Clear, public information officer for conservation officers in northeast Indiana.

Brandenberger's statement said the death remains under investigation by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

Roush Lake, also known as Huntington Reservoir, is about three miles southeast of the city of Huntington.

Shirely Lancaster

ANGOLA — Shirley Dee Lancaster, 73, of Angola died Monday, July 27, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Lancaster had retired in 1997 after serving 30 years as an inspector for Ingersol-Rand.

She was a life member of the auxiliary of American Legion Post 423 in Orland, life member of the auxiliary of the George Anspaugh Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Sept. 8, 1935, in Albion to George and Nita (Brimm) Butler. She married Jack Lancaster Sr. on Dec. 10, 1960. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons Jack Jr. and Sandy Lancaster of Angola and Joseph and Jenny Lancaster of Sturgis, Mich.; two daughters, Connie Rutter of Idaho and Melodie and Mikeal Cole of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother, William Butler of Washington; two sisters, Carol Steman of Auburn and Norma Andrews of California; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Virgil "Tom" Lancaster.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County with the Rev. Melodie Cole officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Tucker

LAGRANGE — Mary Katherine Tucker, 95, of LaGrange died Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

There are no services planned.

Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Rockford, Ohio.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.carneyfrostfuneralhome.com.

Genevieve High

AUBURN — Genevieve L. High, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Karen Hicks.

Jason Coleman

AUBURN — Jason Michael Coleman, 35, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 3, 2009, at his home.

He was born March 26, 1974, in Auburn.

He is survived by his children, Tyler, Kara and Marissa Coleman; his parents, Randy and Sharon Coleman of Auburn; a sister, Michelle Dapp of Garrett; and his grandparents, Gale and Joyce Wirts of Auburn and Laura Mae Coleman of Kendallville.

Family and friends are invited to join in a gathering of remembrance at 7 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials to the family.

Billie Baker

GARRETT — Billie Sue Baker, 64, of Garrett, died Sunday Aug. 2, 2009, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 10, 1944, in Fort Wayne, to William and Elsie Harris.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Baker Jr. of Garrett; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sandy Harris of North Webster and Joe and Phyllis Harris of North Webster; her mother-in-law, Ann Baker of Decatur, Ill.; sisters-in-law, Nancy Wiley of Decatur, Ill., and Bonnie Baker of Rice Lake, Wis.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be no services.

Pinnington-McComb Cremation & Funeral Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Durwood Sickels

FREMONT — Durwood Sickels, 81, Fremont, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Dorothy Arnott

AUBURN — Dorothy I. "Dottie" Arnott, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at her daughter's home in rural Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Riley Hospital for Children Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204-4474 or the Grace Community Church of God, P.O. Box 752, Auburn, IN 46706.

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Theron Kurtz, 91

KENDALLVILLE — Theron L. Kurtz, age 91, formerly of Kendallville, passed away at the Brown County Health and Living Community, Nashville, Indiana, on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Mr. Kurtz was born March 13, 1918, in Kendallville to the late William and Zella Mae (Hunt) Kurtz.

He graduated Kendallville High School in 1938, and married his first wife, Anamae Neufer, in October of 1940. She preceded his death on November 6, 1972. He married his second wife, Blanche Kumfer, on September 20, 1983, and she preceded him in death on December 4, 2008.

Theron's entire working career was devoted to signs and sign painting. He owned Kurtz Signs in Kendallville for over 60 years, which served the Kendallville and Fort Wayne area. He started with art and chalk drawings in high school, and worked for Ligonier Garment after graduation, designing lettering. His advertising specialty business was started in Wawaka in 1945, and later moved to Kendallville in 1966. Eventually, his operation moved to Fort Wayne. His work was also a hobby, which he enjoyed for many years.

During phases of his life, in addition to painting, Theron had interests in organ music, Laurel and Hardy comedy, as well as ballroom and western dancing. He had a particular penchant for strawberry shortcake, which he would savor at any time or place that he could.

Surviving are two daughters: Sylvia and Michael Egolf of Bloomington, Indiana, and Mariann and Marvin Hall, Kimmel, Indiana; three grandchildren: Tim Egolf, Frisco, Texas, Kevin Egolf, Cumming, Georgia, and Kaleena Van Dusen, Fort Wayne, Indiana; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Josephine and Ervin Herendeen of Kendallville.

One sister, Vera Marie Bodenhafer, preceded him in death in 2001.

Visitation will be Friday, August 7, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, August 8, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leon Pomeroy. Burial will be at the Orange Cemetery, Brimfield, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Deloris Lamb, 75

FORT WAYNE — Deloris A. Lamb, 75, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at Regency Place.

Mrs. Lamb had retired from Kroger.

She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Frank Joseph of Carmel; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory M. and Loristene Lamb of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Stephen Fischer of Fort Wayne, Donald and Connie Fischer of Fort Wayne and Charles and Sherry Fischer of Leo; and Nancy Jo Fischer of Avilla; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Alice and Donald Huth of Fort Wayne, Barbara Hippenhammer of Avilla, Ruth and Kent Ihrie of Wolcottville, Nancy Lamb of Auburn and Harold DeLong of Auburn; grandchildren, Amanda Joseph and Austin Joseph, both of Fishers, and Angel Noel and DeAngelo Samuel, both of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Anthony Wilkes of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Lamb; her parents, William and Victoria Fischer; two sisters, Irene DeLong and Janette Fischer; a brother, Thomas Fischer; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hippenhammer.

Funeral services were held August 1, 2009 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, Fort Wayne. Burial took place in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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The Family of Tom Steele would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of the kindness and support we were given during the time of Tom's illness and passing.

If you shared kind thoughts, kept us in your prayers, brought food, sent floral arrangements or cards, called or comforted us in any way it was appreciated.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Goshen Center for Cancer Care, Yeager Funeral Home, Pastor Jim Barnes, Terry Johnson, and all who gave memorial contributions in Tom's memory. We also extend heartfelt gratitude to the Kimmell United Methodist Church for hosting the funeral dinner and to all the other churches, organizations and neighbors that provided food for the meal.

Rita, Kenna, Travis, Toby, Gavin
& the entire extended Steele family

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Garrett girl, 8, dies

Fell from boat near Huntington

GARRETT — A Garrett girl died Monday after falling off the back of a speedboat Sunday in Huntington County, authorities said.

Jesslynn S. Gustin, 8, died shortly after noon at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, according to the Allen County coroner's office. The coroner will conduct an autopsy today to determine the cause of death.

The girl was sitting on a swim platform at the back of a boat that was moving slowly across Roush Lake, just before 4:30 p.m. Sunday. She became unconscious and slipped into the water, said Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney Clear.

A family member pulled her from the water within one minute, and a Samaritan Helicopter flew her to Parkview Hospital, Clear said.

"It is believed that carbon monoxide from the motor might have been a reason for the child becoming unconscious and slipping into the water," said Clear, who is the public information officer for conservation officers in northeast Indiana.

Conservation Officer Mark Johnston investigated the incident, with help from the Huntington County Sheriff's Department and Huntington County EMS, Clear said. The incident remains under investigation by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Allen County coroner's office, said a statement from Coroner E. Jon Brandenberger, M.D.

Roush Lake, where the incident occurred, also is known as Huntington Reservior and is about three miles southeast of the city of Huntington.

Rosemary Kaufman

FREMONT — Rosemary A. Kaufman, 71, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jim HazeKamp officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, in Montgomery, Mich.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home.

Preferred memorials are to Faith Harvest Christian Fellowship, 1105 N. Williams St., Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Meyers

ANGOLA — Kenneth W. Meyers, 93, of Angola died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Dorothy Arnott

AUBURN — Dorothy I. "Dottie" Arnott, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at her daughter's home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Arnott

Mrs. Arnott was the owner and operator of hometown restaurants in St. Joe, Auburn, Ashley, Butler and Battle Creek, Mich. She also worked for Wal-Mart in Angola for five years, retiring in 2000.

She was born May 12, 1927, to Willard and Laura (Dager) Leonard. They both preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Monica Rose and Jack Cook of Auburn, Martha and Brad Grimm of Auburn, and Janine and Barry Bender of Auburn and Pam and Steve Koch of Leo; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tanna Comment of Waterloo, Jon and Anita Comment of Butler and James and Bobbie Comment of St. Joe; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Sonja and Jerry Groshon of Fremont and Rita and Tom Emerick of Auburn; a sister, Iva Lou Maldaney of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Arnott, who died Oct. 29, 2004; a brother, Willard Leonard Jr.; a sister, Marjorie Sower; a grandson, Jason Comment; and a granddaughter, Tina Marie Cook.

Service swill be 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Russ Howard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204-4474 or the Grace Community Church of God, P.O. Box 752, Auburn, IN 46706.

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Evelyn Garman

LAOTTO — Evelyn A. Garman, age 77, a resident of rural LaOtto, Indiana, died on Sunday, August 2, 2009, in the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Indiana, following a brief illness. She had live most of her adult life in the Huntertown and LaOtto area.

Mrs. Garman

Evelyn was born November 15, 1931, in Franklin County, Mo., a daughter of the late Paul A. and Marie E. (Kernebeck) Gildehaus. She was united in marriage in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on January 6, 1951, to Donald A. Garman. Mr. Garman preceded her in death on October 22, 2004.

She had worked for Hep's Groceries for five years in Huntertown and then the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1993 as the linens clerk.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother whose hobbies included sewing, crocheting and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Pastor Sherri (Ed) Long of LaOtto, Indiana; Dan A. (Lisa) Garman of New Haven, Indiana, Dave (Sarah) Garman of Huntertown, Indiana, Kim A. (Jim) Dietsch of Pierceton, Indiana, and Dee A. (Jack) Mossburg of LaOtto, Indiana; her sister, Mary Ann Grill of St. Louis, Mo.; brothers, Alvin (Mary) Gildehaus, of Cedar Hill, Mo., Raymond Gildehaus of St. Clair, Mo., and Richard (Deloris) Gildehaus of Arnold, Mo. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her beloved cat, Bandit.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Leona Heil, Marilyn Gildehaus and Laverne Stroder.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 8, 2009, in the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown, Indiana, with burial to follow in the Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 2-8 p.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Indiana, where a rosary service will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Calling at the church on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. until service time.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be directed to Provena Sacred Heart, St. Paul Neighborhood, or American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home and church.

You are invited to leave a condolence for the family, and may do so by logging on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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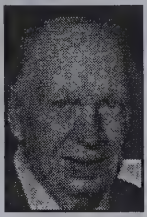
Durwood Sickels

FREMONT — Durwood "Mike" Emery Sickels of Fremont, Ind., passed away August 4, 2009, at Northern Lakes in Angola, Ind.

He was born April 23, 1928, to Claude and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels in Jamestown Township of Steuben County, Ind., and was raised by his grandparents, Emery and Gertrude (Rice) Spade. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1947.



Mr. Sickels

On May 1, 1953, he married Evelyn Michael and together they owned and operated Crest Ayr Farms in partnership with their sons, Gene and Fred Sickels. Durwood bought his first Ayrshire cow in 1942 and he enjoyed being a part of the Indiana and National Ayrshire Associations. For years Durwood and Evelyn would travel to state and national conventions and national shows often taking family members with them.

Durwood and Evelyn were also very involved with the DHIA of Steuben County and members for over 45 years. In 1977, Durwood and Evelyn travel to Scotland for the World Ayrshire Convention.

Durwood's hobby was restoring antique tractors and for years he was very active in the Steuben County Antique Tractor Association. For several years Durwood worked for Fremont Equipment of Fremont putting together farm equipment. Durwood really enjoyed taking and in his later years watching his grandchildren show Ayrshire cattle at various shows.

Durwood is survived by his four children, Gene (Marianne) Sickels of Bronson, Mich., Fred (Janice) Sickels of Bronson, Mich, Irene (Jim) Buechele of Sylvania, Ohio, and Don (Tammy) Sickels of Fremont, Ind.; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Michelle (Greg) Wineland and daughters, Hayley and Madison of Coldwater, Mich., Jennifer (Jason) Knicely and daughter, Allison, of Toledo, Ohio, Suzanne (Justin) Pish and sons, Blaine and Carter of Bronson, Mich., Jason Sickels of Bronson, Mich., Jodi (Jimi) Patterson of Toledo, Ohio, Melissa Sickels of Sturgis, Mich., Michael (Kelly) Sickels and children, Josh, Alexis and MacKenzie of Bronson, Mich., Aimee (Sean) Jones and children, Zachary and Rachel of Florida, Don Sickels Jr. "DJ" (Michelle) and children, Braden Ross, Austin, Tresten, Mariannah and Ethan of Fremont, Ind., Sara Sickels of Bronson, Mich., and Daniel Sickels of Fremont, Ind.

Also surviving are his sisters, Dorris (Deburl) Smith of Angola, Ind., Donna First of Hudson, Mich., and Patricia Hanna of Bryan, Ohio; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Durwood was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Evelyn (Michael) Sickels, who died on September 23, 2008; his grandparents, Emery and Gertrude Spade; his parents, Claude and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels; a brother, Richard Sickels; and a grandson, Tyler Sickels.

Viewing is at Beams Funeral home in Fremont, Ind., from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, August 9, 2009, with funeral services at 11 a.m. Monday, August 10, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating.

Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, Indiana.

Memorials are requested in care of the family or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Hilda Loutzenhiser

GARRETT — Hilda E. Loutzenhiser, 82, of Garrett died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Loutzenhiser worked in packaging at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 30 years, retiring in November 1989.

She was a member of the Church at Garrett, the Garrett Historical Society, and the Red Hat Club.

She was born April 4, 1927, in Clarkton, N.C., to Robert Byron and Lydia (Hester) Clark. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale L. Loutzenhiser Jr. on April 12, 1953, in Santa Ana, Calif., and he died April 2, 2003.

She is survived by a son Tim Loutzenhiser of Holland, Mich.; a daughter, Paula Conrad of Garrett; a brother, Richard Talbot Clark of Clarkton, N.C.; a sister: Mary E. Clark-Nye of Lisbon, N.C.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Dale L. Loutzenhiser, parents; and two brothers, Arglus and Roland Clark.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson of the Church of Garrett officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett

Calling will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Russell Womack Sr.

GARRETT — Russell E. Womack Sr., 69, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Aug 5, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Womack

Mr. Womack had retired in 1991 after 14 years of service with Auburn Concrete.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles Lodge No. 2003.

He was born Nov. 22, 1939, in Lynchburg, Va., the son of James E. and Margaret O. Womack. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons, Russell E. Womack Jr. of Garrett, Davy E. Womack of Garrett and James Womack of South Carolina; four daughters, Cindy Womack of Garrett, Melissa Womack of Garrett, Brenda Maugherman of Zephyrhills, Fla., and Donita Womack of Spring Hills, Fla.; and brothers, Walter Womack of Antwerp, Ohio, Kenneth Womack of Williamsburg, Va., and Robert Womack of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Cripe.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

A reception will follow the service at New Life Ministries 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett.

Rosemary Kaufman

FREMONT — Rosemary A. Kaufman, 71, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Kaufman was a homemaker.

She was a 1955 graduate of Coldwater High School.

Mrs. Kaufman

Mrs. Kaufman was a member of Faith Harvest Chrisitan Fellowship in Angola.

She was born Oct. 24, 1937, in Coldwater, Mich., to Kelly and Anna (Eckert) Young. She married Charles Kaufman on Feb. 3, 1957, in Coldwater.

Surviving are her husband, Charles "Buck" Kaufman of Fremont; two daughters, Julie and David Dryer of Reading, Mich., and Patricia and Wesley Floehr of Fremont; a son, Mike and Jinger Kaufman of Fremont; eight grandchildren; on great-grandchild; two sisters, Sharon and Harley Blair of Quincy, Mich., and Judy and Glen Teale of Greenville, S.C.; and a brother, Kelly and Eva Young of Quincy, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jim Hazekamp officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Branch County near Montgomery, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Harvest Christian Fellowship, 1105 N. Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuenralhome.com.

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Virginia Crabill

SEBRING, Fla. — Virginia Rita Crabill, 91, of Sebring and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Lake Placid, Fla.

She had moved to Sebring in 1999 from Ft. Myers, Fla.

Mrs. Crabill had been a secretary for more than 20 with General Electric in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born Jan. 25, 1918, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Henry E. and Agnes E. (Vachon) Jordan.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Madonna and Max Everson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Donald Jordan of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law and her husband, Helen and William Kerr of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Crabill, and son, Richard Philo Jr.

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Meyers

ANGOLA — Kenneth Wilbur Meyers, 93, left this world on August 5, 2009, to be with his sweetheart of over 62 years Alice Skelton Meyers, who passed away in September of 2003.

Kenneth was born to John I. and Katharine Sickmiller Meyers on October 26, 1915, near Napoleon, Ohio, in rural Malinta. He moved with his family to the east edge of Angola in 1926.

He graduated from high school in 1934 and attended a Purdue University short course soon after. In 1934, he was elected as the president of the Indiana Future Farmers of America and received the national award as an Outstanding Young Farmer.

He married Alice Imo Skelton, a young elementary school teacher whom he met at a Grange event at Lake Gage, on May 31, 1941.

He entered World War II in 1941 by joining the Army Air Corps, and was stationed at Baer Field, Savannah, Ga., and Wichita, Kan., on his way to Japan. He was discharged as a Chief Warrant Officer.

For a number of years, he had a dairy equipment and supply business, ran the county license branch, was a chemical sales representative, was the manager of Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park for eight years and ran an antique furniture restoration business in retirement.

Besides his upstanding character, Kenneth should be remembered for his love of his God, his family and his community. He was a 33rd Degree Freemason and and belonged to the Angola Masonic Lodge since 1942.

Kenneth served as the Republican County Chairman for 16 years, was a 60-year member of the Angola Lions Club, belonged to the American Legion and the Angola United Methodist Church, and was on the Tourism Board of Directors, the Angola Housing Authority and the state Lions Club Speech and Hearing Committee.

Surviving are a son, Phillip K. and Sherry Meyers of Angola; a brother, William Meyers of Angola; and three grandchildren, Sara C. Meyers, Thad McClelland and Lance McClelland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice, on Sept. 14, 2003, and a brother, Harold Meyers in October 1997.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, August 10, 2009, at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or the Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 7, 2009, Friday

Anna James

GARRETT — Anna "Ann" Mary James, 89, of Garrett died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Catholic Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to ASPCA of Allen County, DeKalb County Animal Shelter or the Garrett Pound in care of the Garrett Police Department.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Wilfred Faucher

LARGO, Fla. — Wilfred J. Faucher, 95, of Largo, Fla., and formerly of Clear Lake and Fremont, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, at Pinecrest Place in Largo.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Jean Stuckey

HOWE — Jean M. Stuckey, 94, of Howe died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Stuckey was a homemaker.

She and her husband, Donald, move to Howe Military School in 1939 from Detroit, Mich.

Mrs Stuckey was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, Women's Society of the church, and a 56-year member of Philomath's of Howe.

She was also a member of the LaGrange County Cancer Society and a volunteer at the Well-Child Clinic and the LaGrange County Hospital.

She was born July 21, 1915, in Detroit to Roy and Leah (Day) Macgregor. She married Donald B. Stuckey on July 2, 1938, in Port Huron, Mich. He preceded her in death Dec. 7, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Pamela Stuckey of Las Cruces, N.M.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald M. "Chip" and Ellen Stuckey of Howe and Raymond A. and Karen Stuckey of Angola; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Joan Coffey.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31, at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

Memorials are to the Lima Presbyterian Church.

Furip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be send to www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 8, 2009, Saturday

Judy Martin

KENDALLVILLE — Judy Kathryn Martin, age 43, of Kendallville died on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Kendallville on July 7, 1966, to James Robert and Judy Kathryn (Handshoe) Boyd.

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Martin graduated from East Noble High School in 1984.

She married Lester Martin on October 24, 1988, at the True Church of God in Lisbon, Indiana.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker and in the past she worked at Taylor Made in Kendallville, Kidd's Marshmallows in Ligonier, Handy and Harmon packing company in Kendallville and the Kendallville Best Western as a maid. She also served as a teacher's aide at North Side Elementary School.

She loved spending time with her family and friends, doing cross stitching, ceramic ornament painting and other craft work. She also liked playing bingo and being on the computer and pogo.

Mrs. Martin was an avid reader, liked doing family research and genealogy and enjoyed vacationing in the Great Smokey Mountains.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Martin of Kendallville; a son, Jimmy Martin of Kendallville; her mother, Judy Boyd of Kendallville; two brothers, James Robert and Tracie Boyd Jr. of Fort Wayne; one niece and nephew, Brooke and Logan Boyd of Fort Wayne; her maternal grandmother, Flora Handshoe of Kendallville; her father-in-law, Pervis Martin of Kendallville; brother-in-law, James Martin of Kendallville; an uncle, Wayne and Lois Handshoe of Kendallville; and aunts, Ellen and Jeff Hicks of Kendallville, Betty Handshoe of Kendallville, Jeanette Mansfield of Fort Wayne, Sue Handshoe of Wolcottville and Hazel and Carroll Ensley of Gastonia, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Robert Boyd Sr. on August 29, 2008; an infant nephew, James Robert Boyd III who died in 1998; her mother-in-law, Loretta Martin who died October 30, 1998; and an Uncle, Leslie Handshoe who died May 31, 2009.

Visitation will be Sunday, August 9, 2009, from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Monday, August 10, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Lee Combs and Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Jimmy Martin, Jeff Hicks, Wayne Handshoe, Mike Harmon, John Noble and Curtis Pruitt.

View a video tribute by Sunday, August 9, 2009, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bruce Billow

AVON PARK, Fla. — Bruce Andrew Billow, 74, died July 15, 2009, in Avon Park, Fla., after a short illness.

No services were held.

Mary Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary J. Schrock, 83, of Shipshewana, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital following a brief illness.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling starts at 2 p.m. Saturday and runs through Sunday at the home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneral.com.

Elmer Miller

LAGRANGE — Elmer J. Miller, 63, of LaGrange died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Maple Grove Church at Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Geneva Mantle

HERRIMAN, Utah — Geneva B. Mantle, 80, of Herriman and formerly of LaGrange and Kosciusko counties in Indiana, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Mantle had retired from the Dairy Farmers of America (formerly Wayne Coop).

She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Mantle had attended Life Church in West Valley, Utah.

She was born Aug. 29, 1928, in Kosciusko County, Ind., to Russell and Mary Moore. She married Roger Mantle on March 2, 1973, in the Lutheran Church in Huntertown, Ind. He survives in Herriman.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joan Tucker of Herriman; a brother, Russell Moore of Waynedale, Ind.; a sister, Virginia Gongaware of Wolcottville; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Hixson.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 10 a.m.-noon at Broomhead Funeral Home in Riverton, Utah.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at the funeral home.

Barbara Crow

BUTLER — Barbara J. Crow, 62, of Butler died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson.

Kathy Miller

BUTLER — Kathy D. Miller, 58, of Butler died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Anna Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Anna J. Bontrager, 68, of Middlebury died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the John Bontrager residence, 10138 C.R. 18, Middlebury. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the John Bontrager residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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'They needed each other'

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ASHLEY — When Harold Reinoehl did something well, he did it for a long time.

Reinoehl, of Fairfield Township, taught at Fairfield School for 40 years, and was married to his wife, Hilda, for 70 years.

He died July 24 at the age of 94.

Reinoehl started teaching at the one-room Hartman School in 1936 and, when the area's one-room schools closed in 1938, began teaching at the new Fairfield Center School and eventually was appointed head teacher. He stayed there until his retirement in 1978.

Reinhoehl taught both of his children, Max Reinoehl and Judy Ditmars, as well as his niece, Cathy Wells, and oldest grandson.

"He liked to pick on me, but otherwise he was pretty much just down to business," Wells said. "When he said to do it, you knew you'd better do it."

"He was what I called a no-nonsense teacher," Ditmars said.

"You didn't talk to the girl next to you, because I had to stand in the corner," Max Reinoehl said.

"But when it was time for recess, he'd go out and play with you," Ditmars said.

Wells said sometimes recess would even go a little long in the spring, because Harold Reinoehl was enjoying playing with the children — even some of them that he would punish in his classroom.

"It wasn't like he held it against you or anything," she said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Harold and Hilda Reinoehl pose together. Harold Reinoehl, a longtime teacher at Fairfield School, died July 24. Hilda, his wife of 70 years, died in January.

Harold Reinoehl also coached baseball and basketball, and in 1960 his basketball team won an invitational by beating Ashley in the final game.

"That was just the peak," Ditmars said.

Reinoehl's legacy still lives on at the community's new Country Meadow Elementary School, in a way, Wells said. Principal Bruce Hamilton, who worked with Reinoehl during his last year, still uses the two-handed "Harold Reinoehl wave" to tell the bus drivers they can leave at the end of the day.

Reinoehl also was a farmer and loved to work in his fields and bale hay. His old baler, which Max Reinoehl still uses, baled over 90,000 bales from 1957 to 1991.

"It was just his place of serenity," Ditmars said. The farm had cows, sheep, pigs and chickens. Harold Reinoehl would get up in the mornings and start the chores, and Hilda Reinoehl would finish them.

"Dad had a gem of a sidekick," Ditmars said. "They needed each other."

Hilda Reinoehl died Jan. 28 at the age of 88.

The couple met when Harold Reinoehl wrote a letter to his sister, Olga, asking to her to fix him up with her best friend, Hilda Smith.

The couple wed Aug. 21, 1938, and were married for 70 years and five months before Hilda Reinoehl's death.

"They were both happy people," Ditmars said. "We had a good upbringing."

Hilda Reinoehl loved to cook, and often fixed treats for Harold Reinoehl's class at school. Nobody was allowed to leave the house unless they ate something, their daughter-in-law, Sharon Reinoehl said.

The couple were a great team and taught their family to love God, be thankful, respect others and be honest and kind, Ditmars said.

"They were just a cute little couple. It was something that they could be together as long as they were," she added. "We were blessed to see our parents celebrate 70 years together. That's such a rare occasion. Our family foundation has really been shaken in 2009, but we feel we were given a beautiful gift to have them as long as we did."

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2 killed in wreck with tour bus

FORT WAYNE (AP) — The Christian rock band MercyMe canceled a show Saturday in the St. Louis area after its tour bus collided with a car in northeastern Indiana, killing two passengers in the car and the pregnant car driver's unborn baby.

No one in the band was seriously injured, sustaining what they described as "minor bumps and bruises." A news story on the crash and a photo of the damaged front of the bus were posted on the band's Web site Saturday.

"MercyMe would like to express their incredible heartache over this horrible accident," the band said in a statement. "They are praying for the families of all who this will affect, and are asking others to please pray as well."

Fort Wayne police Officer Liza Thomas said witnesses told police the bus was going through a green light about 1:15 a.m. when the car made a left turn in front of it. The band from the Dallas area had been in Fort Wayne for a Friday night show at Parkview Field.

"Their hearts are heavy," the band's statement said. "They appreciate the concern they have received from people all over the world."

Two passengers in the car, a male and female, were pronounced dead. Driver Kara Klinker, 18, of Fort Wayne, was in her third trimester of pregnancy and the baby died. Klinker was hospitalized Saturday in critical condition, Thomas said.

Authorities haven't released the names of those killed because their families haven't yet been notified, Thomas said.

Six Flags St. Louis in Eureka, Mo., issued a statement saying MercyMe's Saturday show had been rescheduled for Sept. 5. All concert tickets will be honored for the new date, it said.

The band expected other tour stops to go on as scheduled.

MercyMe has sold more than 5 million records, won several Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, an American Music Award and been nominated for a Grammy.

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Marilyn Smith

GARRETT — Marilyn E. Smith, age 70, of Garrett, died at 6:08 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2009 at Select Care Specialty Hospital — Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born May 14, 1939 in Fort Wayne to Clarence "Bob" and LaVon (Baum) Rodey and they preceded her in death. Marilyn married Kenneth F. Smith on August 7, 1965 in Fort Wayne, IN and he survives. She was the office manager at Hamilton Family Medical Center in Hamilton, IN for the past 6 years.

Mrs. Smith

She was a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, MO and Indiana University. She had a Masters Degree in Education. She taught 2nd Grade at Slocum Elementary School. She was president of the Junior Division of the Fort Wayne Women's Club and was the current president of the Phi Mu Fraternity — Fort Wayne Chapter. She owned The Wedding Place in Fort Wayne for 17 years and presented the Classic City Charity Horse Show in Auburn, IN for 10 years. Marilyn owned and raised American Saddlebreds and was a member of the American Saddlebred Association. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Covenant — Fort Wayne.

Marilyn is survived by her husband: Kenneth F. Smith of Garrett, IN and a daughter, Teresa L. Smith M.D. of Angola, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Rodev.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home — Garrett, IN with the funeral service to follow at 1 p.m. Officiating will be Rev. Thomas Sagendorf.

A private burial will take place in Lindenwood Cemetery — Fort Wayne. Memorials are to the Faith Community Health Clinic, P.O. Box 972, Angola, IN 46703.

You may send a condolence or sign the online regiser book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org.

Donald Madden

RANTOUL, Ill. — Donald E. Madden, 75, of Rantoul, Illinois, and formerly of Wolf Lake, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, Ill., with Rev. Nathan Feig officiating. Burial will follow in the Eden Park Cemetery, Rantoul with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post 287 of Rantoul.

Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Baier Family Funeral Services, 406 E. Pells Street, Paxton and at the church Tuesday one hour before the service. Masonic Rites will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home by the Rantoul Masonic Lodge #470.

Donald was born January 10, 1934 in Wolf Lake, Indiana, the son of Ross and Anna Vanmeter Madden.

He married Lois J. Stults December 28, 1954 in Wolf Lake. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, David (Judy) Madden of Burleson, Texas, Terry (Denise) Madden of Paxton; three grandchildren, Janie (Jared) Latimer of Arlington, Texas, Jason Madden of Paxton, Kate Madden of Burleson, Texas; several nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Kathy D. Miller

Butler — Kathy D. Miller, 58, of Butler died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Miller was dietary cook for the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler for 18 years.

She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene in Auburn.

She was born Oct. 28, 1950, in Ashland, Kentucky to Woodrow and Ruth Joanna (Croy) Mayse. They both preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Danny L. Miller Jr. of Butler, and Chris S. and Leah Miller of Grabill; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald & Sharon Mayse of California, Michael and Judy Mayse of Auburn, David and Karen Mayse of South Point, Ohio, and Steve and Susan Mayse of Waterloo; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Mayse and Gary Mayse.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 7669, Atlanta, GA, 30357-0669

Donald Rapp

FORT WAYNE — Donald Richard Rapp, 85, of Fort Wayne, died at home on Thursday, August 6, 2009.

He was a retired Iron Worker, Local 147, and a member of The Jehovah's Witnesses, North Congregation.

He is survived by his daughters, Millie Beatty of Fort Wayne; Bonnie (Carl) Wilson of Larwill; Patti (Steve) Mosel of New Haven; Lucy (Ed) Thomas of North Manchester; Ginny (Bob) Elston of Angola; Nancy Rapp of Fort Wayne; Abby (Joe) Ott of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rapp

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean; son, Jim; his second wife, Lillian; and his third wife, Mary.

Memorial Service is 1 p.m. Saturday, August 15, at North Congregation, 6427 Blackstone Drive, Fort Wayne.

Family and Friends Memorial, Monday, August 17, 3 to 7 p.m. at Richard's Restaurant, 2912 Getz Rd, Fort Wayne.

Burial in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco. Memorials may be made to the Parkview Hospice or Worldwide Ministries of Jehovah Witnesses.

Emily Pearson

HUDSON — Emily Margaret Diane Pearson, 11, died Aug., July 7, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Emily was born Oct. 29, 1997, in Angola to Matthew Pearson of Angola and Ankh Deming Pearson of Hudson. Also surviving are her grandparents, Patrick Deming of Hudson, Deva (Charles) Warstler of Mongo, Connie (John) McBride of Pleasant Lake, and Joe Pearson of Angola; her great-grandparents, Mary Myers of Angola and Maxine Wyatt of Angola; a brother, Devin Pearson of Hudson; and a sister, Ceara Deming of Angola.

Services are pending with arrangements by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st. St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Jennie Adams

GARRETT — Jennie I. Adams, 87, of Garrett, died at 6:52 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, at her residence.

There will be a memorial graveside service at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Barbara Crow

BUTLER — Barbara J. Crow, 62, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. There will be private calling and burial. Arrangements by Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Hudson.

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Karl Kearns Sr.

LaOTTO — Karl K. Kearns Sr., 85, of rural LaOtto, died at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 14, 1924, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Joseph L. and Mabel (Kahlo) Kearns. His parents preceded him in death.

Mr. Kearns

He married Phyllis Traxler on Sept. 30, 1950, in Garrett, and she survives in LaOtto.

Mr. Kearns worked as a wire drawer at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Mr. Kearns is survived by his wife, Phyllis Kearns of rural LaOtto; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Kearns of Garrett and Karl K. Jr. and Dawn Kearns of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Booth Elliott of LaOtto, and Diane and William Robb of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert Kearns and Joseph Kearns.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at Thomas Funeral Home, and from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org

Evelyn Black

AVILLA —Evelyn F. (Leffel) Black, 91, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at 6 a.m. in the home of her daughter near Albion.

Mrs. Black has been an area resident for 20 years. She graduated as valedictorian of her senior class in Deedsville. She had worked at Wirk Garment in Ligonier and Auburn Rubber Co., and retired from Indiana Wire and Die.

She was born June 14, 1918, in Miami County, Ind., to Albert and Elizabeth (Hoover) Leffel. She was married to Guy Black.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Zumbrun of Albion; a son, John Albert Black of Avilla; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and four sisters, Ethel Lang of Redding, Calif., Wilma Sanders of Metropolis, Ill., Hazel Ridyard of Oceanside, Calif., and Miriam Shultz of South Milford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Black in May, 1999; a son, Dennis Black, in 1965; two sisters, Mary Richardson and May DeWald; and a brother, Walter Leffel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Methodist Church in Avilla, with The Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary Methodist Church, 125 Cherry St., Avilla, IN, 46710.

Calling will be Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct an error.*

Judy Martin

KENDALLVILLE — Judy Kathryn Martin, age 43, of Kendallville died on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Martin

She was born in Kendallville on July 7, 1966, to James Robert and Judy Kathryn (Handshoe) Boyd.

Mrs. Martin graduated from East Noble High School in 1984.

She married Lester Martin on Oct. 24, 1988, at the True Church of God in Lisbon, Ind.

Mrs. Martin was a homemaker and in the past she worked at Taylor Made in Kendallville, Kidd's Marshmallows in Ligonier, Handy and Harmon packing company in Kendallville and the Kendallville Best Western as a maid. She also served as a teacher's aide at North Side Elementary School.

She loved spending time with her family and friends, doing cross stitching, ceramic ornament painting and other craft work. She also liked playing bingo and being on the computer and Pogo.

Mrs. Martin was an avid reader, liked doing family research and genealogy and enjoyed vacationing in the Great Smokey Mountains.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Martin of Kendallville; a son, Jimmy Martin of Kendallville; her mother, Judy Boyd of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, James Robert Jr. and Tracie Boyd of Fort Wayne; a niece and a nephew, Brooke and Logan Boyd of Fort Wayne; her maternal grandmother, Flora Handshoe of Kendallville; her father-in-law, Pervis Martin of Kendallville; brother-in-law, James Martin of Kendallville; an uncle, Wayne and Lois Handshoe of Kendallville; and aunts, Ellen and Jeff Hicks of Kendallville, Betty Handshoe of Kendallville, Jeanette Mansfield of Fort Wayne, Sue Handshoe of Wolcottville and Hazel and Carroll Ensley of Gastonia, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Robert Boyd Sr. on Aug. 29, 2008; an infant nephew, James Robert Boyd III who died in 1998; her mother-in-law, Loretta Martin who died Oct. 30, 1998; and an uncle, Leslie Handshoe who died May 31, 2009.

Visitation was Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be today, Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Lee Combs and Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Jimmy Martin, Jeff Hicks, Wayne Handshoe, Mike Harmon, John Noble and Curtis Pruitt.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Penny Norton

FORT WAYNE — Penny Sue Norton, 49, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Norton

Born Feb. 16, 1960, in Fort Wayne, she was a social worker with Fersenius Medical Care North America. Previously she worked as a ward secretary for Lutheran Hospital in the ICU, CICU and NICU and had been a burn technician at St. Joseph Hospital.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. She graduated in 1978 from Southside High School and she received her Bachelor's degree from St. Francis College and her Master's degree from Indiana University — South Bend.

Survivors include her husband of 26 years, Stuart Norton; daughter, Aimnee Norton; son, Geoff Norton; grandson, Christian; parents, Donald and Ruth Foland; sister and brother-in-law, Kim and Brett Taylor; nephew, Bradley; and niece, Marissa, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Chapel, 8325 Covington Rd., with Father Jim Shafer officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services and from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Indiana University Cancer Pavilion, 535 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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Hazel King

AUBURN — Hazel W. King, 69, of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. King

Our mother was one of a kind! She always treated her kids equally with love and respect. She was a secret keeper and a mind reader.

She loved family gatherings, and spending time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting friends at the American Legion, VFW, and Eagles, where she was a member.

She was survived by her loving and devoted husband of 31 years, Lowell King a.k.a. "Poopsi". As a wife, she was second to none, spending day and night with her husband Lowell. They enjoyed vacationing in their winter destination of Florida.

She is also survived by her children Dan and "Deb" Harper of Albion, Johnny Harper of Laotto, Michael Harper, and Kelly and "Butch" Poynter of Corunna, Wanetta and "Scott" Patell of Grabill, Sherry Johnson of Churubusco, and Kris and "Chuck" Taylor of Garrett. She is also survived by her stepchildren Michael and "Patsy" King, and David King. She is a loving grandmother of Brandon, Dustin, Michael, Amy, Michele, Misty, Christopher, Derek, Amber, Danielle, Toni, Taya, John-David, Nathan, Jennifer, Josh, Sarah, Charlie, Franky, and Mikayla, and great-grandchildren Steel, Savannah, Adrianah, and Emma. She is also survived by her brother Cody and "Suzy" Schneider, and sister Caroline and "Thomas" Carteaux.

She will be joining her brother, Christian Schneider, and her grandsons, Daniel Ray Harper Jr., and Markus Daniel Johnson, in heaven. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, and most of all she was our best friend.

Showing will be held at Feller and Clark Funeral home in Auburn on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and funeral services will be held at the Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, Aug 15 at 11 a.m.

Memorials should be sent in her memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Donna J. Richmond

AUBURN — Donna J. Richmond, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Richmond was a homemaker. She attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn.

She was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Waterloo to Ora and Bessie (Smith) Bainbridge. They both preceded her in death.

She married Earl Richmond on Nov. 27, 1942, in Albion. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and his domestic partner, Ted Richmond and Richard DeCamp of Rising Sun; two daughters and sons-in-law, Coleen and Alan Adams of Ossian, and Chris and Nick Menges of Auburn; and four grandchildren and spouses, Shay and Kocoa Menges of Nashville, Tenn., Barry and Andrea Menges of Auburn, Jess Menges of Auburn, and Chet Willard of Ft. Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Bainbridge.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will take place in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Donabelle Shell

LIGONIER — Donabelle Shell, 90, of Ligonier died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Phillip Rink

CROMWELL — Phillip E. Rink, 67, of Cromwell died at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Delma Yoder

LIGONIER — Delma Yoder, 87, of Ligonier died at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Robert Ober

ALBION —Robert Carlton Ober, 82, of Albion, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ober was born in Garrett on Feb. 9, 1927, and was the son of Manford and Valera "Belle" (Lung) Ober, both deceased. He worked for Forker Excavating most of his life and retired from there after 32 years of service. He also worked for the Noble County Highway Department.

On Dec. 11, 1954, he married Virginia Scheurich. She preceded him in death on Dec. 11, 2007.

He enjoyed fishing and spending his time with his beloved grandchildren.

Surviving are a daughter, Melinda Ober of Albion; two grandchildren, Melissa and her husband Shawn Jordan of Albion, and Lance Conrad of Albion; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Dawson Conrad and Kaleb Jordan; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold Lee and Roberta Ober and Larry and Judy Ober, all of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and John Wittkamper of Knightstown; and a sister-in-law, Margaret Ober of Kendallville.

Also preceeding him in death with his parents were a daughter, Lisa Ann Ober; a grandson, Chad Robert Conrad; and a brother, Jerry Ober.

Funeral services for Mr. Ober will be today, Aug. 10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Dan Barker will officiate. Calling was from 4-8 p.m. Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Burial following the funeral service will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Casketbearers will be Mark Ober, Mike Ober, Ross Gaff, Jeff Boyer, Joel Kaiser, and Jim Brown. Honorary casketbearers will be Lance Conrad and Shawn Jordan.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Mr. Ober to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, or to the donor's choice.

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Helen Gonser

HUDSON — Helen E. Gonser, 89, of Hudson died at 8:40 p.m. Sunday at her home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson.

Verna Yoder

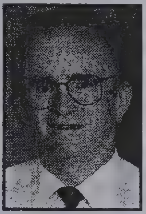
MIDDLEBURY — Verna M. Yoder, 91, of Middlebury died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Harley Bontrager residence, 13099 C.R. 20, Middlebury. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be all day today at her home, 58864 C.R. 35, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Rink


Mr. Rink

LIGONIER — Phillip E. "Butch" Rink, 67, of Ligonier died at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Rink retired from Noble County Foundations with 20 years of service.

He was a member of the Cromwell Lutheran Church.

He was born March 8, 1942, in Goshen to Laurel "Bud" and Evelyn (Bechtel) Rink. He married Shirley Growcock in March 1980. She died in the fall of 1980.

Surviving are a sister, Marcia and Kenneth Michael of Ligonier; a brother, Roger and Sharon Rink of Monroe, N.C.; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the activities department at Avalon Village, 200 Kingston Circle Drive, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Donnabelle Shell

LIGONIER — Donabelle M. Shell, 90, of Ligonier died at 9:40 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Shell was a lifetime area resident.

She had retired from the lunch program at Ligonier High School.

She attended Wawaka Church of the Brethren and was a member of its Ladies Aid.

She was born Nov. 11, 1918, in Nappanee to Roy and Ethel (Frederick) Stahly. She married Earnest J. Shell on Aug. 30, 1941, in Wawaka. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two children, Loretta and Joe Bear of Tipton and Robert and Loretta Shell of Shipshewana; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, John and Rose Stahly of South Bend; and a sister, Jean Loveless of Sebring, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Adrian E. Shell in 2001; and three brothers, Fred, Dan and Roy Jr. Stahly.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery at Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Wawaka Church of the Brethren, 2726 W. C.R. 700N, Wawaka, IN or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 1718.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 11, 2009, Tuesday

Dr. William Hamilton

ST. JOE — Dr. William H. Hamilton, 89, of St. Joe and formerly of West Lafayette died Sunday, August 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 10, 1919, in Lucas County, Iowa, to John and Maude (Nickalous) Hamilton. His parents have both passed away.

Dr. Hamilton was a professor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, retiring in 1989.

He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1967.

Dr. Hamilton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a member of the National FFA, West Lafayette Kiwanis Club and the First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette.

He married Barbara L. Pond on December 10, 1945 in Rochester, New York, and she survives in St. Joe.

He is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marilyn Hamilton of St. Joe, Phyllis and Jim Heath of West Lafayette, and Dale and Pierre Verger of Ashland, Oregon; a daughter-in-aw, Cathrine Hamilton of St. Joe; two grandsons, Paul Hamilton of St. Joe and Ted Hamilton of Loves Park, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Tyler Hamilton; two sisters, Francis Peterson and May Hamilton, both of St. Paul, Minn.; and two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim Hamilton of Council Bluff, Iowa, George and Marge Hamilton of Phoenix, Ariz., and Esther Howard of North Canton, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Hamilton; a sister, Mary Pendergast; and four brothers, John, Charlie, Stan and Les Hamilton.

Services are pending.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Bruce Billow

AVON PARK, Fla. — Bruce Andrew Billow, 74, of Avon Park and formerly of Albion died July 15, 2009, in Avon Park following a short illness.

Mr. Billow had been a lineman with the Ohio Power Co. and advanced through the utility industry to become the CEO of Noble County REMC in Albion. He had also worked in Louisville, Ky., Harrisburg, Pa., Clinton, Ark., and St. Marys, Ohio.

He graduated from Hebron High School in Hebron, Ohio, in 1953.

Mr. Billow served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960 and was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

He was born Jan. 24, 1959, in New Albany, Ind., to J. Stanley and Mary Virginia (Braunlich) Billow.

Surviving are his wife, Janet; a brother, James and Susan Billow of Canton, Ohio; three children, Mike and Chris Billow of Danville, Ohio, Gina and Jack White of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Aimee and Mike Forsythe of Wakefiled, Mass.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no services.

Don Miller

STROH — Don Miller, 80, of Pretty Lake died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at his residence.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Walt

ROME CITY — Robert T. "Bob" Walt, 78, of Rome City died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at his residence.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will recited at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Gibault Inc., 6301 South U.S. 41, P.O. Box 2316, Terre Haute, IN 47802-0316.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Emily Pearson

HUDSON — Emily Margaret Diane Pearson, 11, died Aug. 7, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She would have been a sixth-grader at Prairie Heights Middle School this fall.

She was an advanced math student and loved horses.

She was born Oct. 29, 1997, in Angola.

Surviving are her father, Matthew Pearson of Angola, and her mother, Ankh Deming Pearson of Hudson.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Patrick Deming of Hudson, Deva and Charles Warstler of Mongo, Connie and John McBride of Pleasant Lake, and Joe Pearson of Angola; her great-grandparents, Mary Myers, Maxine Wyatt and Janet Pearson, all of Angola; a brother, Devin Pearson of Hudson; and a sister, Ceara Deming of Angola.

A celebration of life service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hudson Fire Hall in Hudson.

A dinner will follow. The Hudson Fire Department is supplying the main dish and others are asked to take a dish to share.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Gonser

HUDSON — Helen E. Gonser, 89, of Hudson died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Gonser

Mrs. Gonser retired from teaching in 1982. She had taught at Auburn High School and for the East Noble School System.

She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, the Ladies Guild and the Study Club.

She was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Steuben County to George and Margaret (Emerson) Butler. She married Robert D. Gonser on June 29, 1952, in Salem Center. He died July 3, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Cliff and Sylvia Gonser of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lizabeth and Kenny Petrey of East Moline, Ill., and Lilli and Kenny Giessler of Hudson; two sisters, Rose Clark of Hudson and Marie Brouse of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren..

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson with the Rev. Donald M. Wadkins officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Association.

Condolences may be sent online to Johnson@bnin.net

Bill Bender

LAGRANGE — Bill H. Bender, 49, of LaGrange died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Bender

Mr. Bender was employed as a quality assurance manager at Electri-Tec in Angola.

He was a 1978 graduate of Lakeland High School where he played varsity basketball from 1974 to 1978 and helped lead the team to many victories and titles.

Mr. Bender attended Western Michigan University for one year and then graduated from Indiana State University with a bachelor's degree in business. He played basketball at both colleges.

He was born Nov. 3, 1959, in Sturgis, Mich., to William H. and Frances Magnuson Bender. He married Kim Lowery on June 18, 1988, in LaGrange. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son, Beau Bender of LaGrange; two daughters, Brittany Bender of Howe and Ellisa Bender of LaGrange; and a brother, Gary and Pam Roberts of Port Ritchie, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at LaGrange First Church of God with Pastor Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Ontario, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Noel Muhn

Noel A. Muhn, 86, of Erwin, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Johnson City Medical Center.

Mr. Muhn was a native of Auburn, Ind. He was the son of the late Frank Lung and Myrtle Mowry.

Noel served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II and was the recipient of an Air Metal and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He was plant manager for Morrill Motors for more than 30 years and played an instrumental role in opening the Shallow Ford plant.

Mr. Muhn attended Centenary United Methodist Church in Erwin, Tenn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Margaret Hyde Muhn in 1998; one brother, Lester Lung; and one sister, Pauline Mitchell.

Mr. Muhn leaves behind daughters, Debra L. McKee and husband Joe of Piney Flats and Sydney Blair and husband Cal Garcia of Sarasota, Fla.; sons: Noel A. Muhn Jr. and wife Bert of Erwin, David L. Blair and wife Christine of Marquette, Mich., and D. Kevin Blair and wife Alida of Rocklin, Calif.; grandchildren, Samantha Hughes and husband Jamie of Jonesborough, Justin Muhn and wife Jessica of Unicoi, Daniel Muhn and wife Kendall of Fort Bragg, N.C., Brittney Tapp and husband Derek of Unicoi, Alicia, Michael, and Amanda Blair of Rocklin, Calif., Dr. Pam Roberts of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Patti Burgett and husband Joe of Orlando, Fla., Freddie Roberts of Florida and Scott Blair of Illinois; two great-grandchildren, Kylee Muhn and Noelle Hughes; and a niece, Linda Demske and husband Fred of Kendallville, Ind.

The funeral service for Mr. Muhn were held Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Valley Funeral Home, 1085 N. Main Ave, Erwin. Reverend Robert Layell and Jamie Hughes officiated. Music was provided by Jamie Hughes.

Military graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Aug. 8 in Evergreen Cemetery. The Unicoi County High School Jr. R.O.T.C. provided honors. Active pallbearers were members of the Unicoi County High School Jr. R.O.T.C.

The family wishes memorial contributions be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, 203 N. Elm Ave., Erwin, TN 37650 or to the American Lung Association, 1 Vintage Way, Suite B-130, Nashville, TN 37228. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family and viewed by visiting www.valleyfuneralhome.net.

Mary Weir

ATLANTA — Mary I. Weir, 93, of Atlanta died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, in Atlanta.

Mrs. Weir had sold fine jewelry in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

She was a member of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Atlanta and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Nov. 26, 1915, in Marshall, Minn., to Schuyler C. and Irene G. (Cawley) Page. She married Henry E. Weir on July 23, 1938, in Rochester, N.Y. He died April 14, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Betsy Weir of Katonah, N.Y., Barbara and Scott Bushnell of St. Joe, Ind., and Jane Weir of Atlanta; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jan Weatherby.

A memorial service was held Aug. 6 in Atlanta.

Graveside services will be held Sept. 12 in Belfast, N.Y.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Belfast, N.Y., Public Library.

Harold McFall

FREMONT — Harold L. McFall, 43, of Fremont died June 2, 2009, in Chicago.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at 3 p.m. at the Ashley Church of God, 101 Gonser St., Ashley.

A dinner will follow.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

John Neff

ANGOLA — John D. Neff, 78, of Angola, Ind., and Venice, Fla., died Friday, July 17, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Neff

Mr. Neff

He was born Oct. 18, 1930, in Springfield, Ohio, to Robert J. and Pauline (Case) Neff. He was a graduate of Olive Branch High School in New Carlisle, Ohio, and a graduate of the Ohio University in Ada, Ohio, with a degree in fine arts.

John was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1978, and was an engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

He married Louise Mahoney on Nov. 5, 1965. She survives in Angola.

John was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423, the Elks in Angola and Venice, Fla., the American Legion in Venice and the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Church in Angola.

He enjoyed may hobbies especially airplanes, reading, tractors and spending time at Lake Gage. He was a great supporter of his grandchildren.

John will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Also surviving with his wife area a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Richard Weyandt of Dover, Del.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Brenda Neff of Angola and Robert Neff of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Karen Neff of Fairborn, Ohio; five grandchildren, Matthew and Christopher Weyandt and Meghan, Alyson and Amber Neff; and two great-grandchildren, Sterling and Vance Weyandt.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 W. Orland Road, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the church or the charity of the donor's choice.

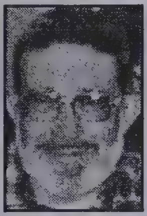
Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Donald Miller

PRETTY LAKE — Donald L. Miller, age 80, of Pretty Lake rural Wolcottville, died on Monday, August 10, 2009 at his residence on Pretty Lake.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on October 25, 1928 to the late Clinton L. Miller and Reba I. (Brown) Martin.

He graduated from North Side High School in 1947 and entered the United States Army in 1950 during the Korean War Era. He took basic training at Camp Brackenridge, Kentucky and later was stationed in Pirmasens, Germany and was assigned to the 432nd Engineer Construction Battalion.

Before he was sent to Germany with the Army, he was married to Shirley Ann Ort on May 9, 1951 in Columbia City, Indiana.

Don attained the rank of Corporal and was separated from the service in November 1952.

He was later employed as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, Fort Wayne's Main Branch, for 30 years before he retired in 1986.

Don was very active with several local military organizations.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Francis Vinyard Post No. 2749 in Kendallville where he held many positions of leadership including his latest, Commander of the Honor Guard for Funeral Detail.

He also was a member of the American Legion, Robert W. Schermerhorn Post No. 381 in Rome City, the Korean War Veterans Association, and the Northeast Indiana Vietnam Veterans.

Don was a faithful member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville where he was actively involved with the "Yard Birds" men's group, the church choir for many years and he also assisted with the operation of the sound booth on Sunday.

He enjoyed playing his guitar and singing, being around people, and the getting together each month with guys for Friday nights poker. That same group met once a month for more than 40 years!

Earlier in life, an avid athlete, Don enjoyed playing softball, where he was the catcher with Post Office league in Fort Wayne. He also played in the church basketball league.

He loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle and enjoyed working on his "bike" and fixing up old cars.

Don was a dedicated Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. He was also a big I.U. and Bobby Knight fan.

He also enjoyed watching old John Wayne movies.

His family cherishes the memories of playing water volleyball with them on the beach at their Pretty Lake home.

Survivors include:

Wife of 58 years, Shirley Miller of Pretty Lake near Wolcottville.

Daughter, Prudence and Kent Radcliff of Louisville, Kentucky.

Son, Randy and Malinda Miller of Wolcottville.

Daughter, Lydia and Jackie Griffith of Sacramento, California.

Daughter, Paula and Charles Corey of Fort Wayne.

Son, Keith and Pam Miller of Salem Center.

Daughter, Rhonda Wilson-Elmes of Fort Wayne.

10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and 2 great-great granchildren.

Sister, Eva Keuneke of Waterloo.

"Adopted" son and daughter for over 35 years, Gary and Joan Ludban of Pretty Lake.

He was also preceded in death by his step father, Henry Martin, step sisters, Adelma and Vivian, and a step brother.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, August 12, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. with an hour of visitation before the funeral at Hite Funeral Home, Veterans Funeral Care Provider, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier.

Military Honors will be conducted at the Hite Funeral Home by members of the

VFW Post No. 2749 and American Legion Post No. 381 in honor of Don's service to his country.

Honorary casketbearers will be his sons, Randy and Keith; Kerry Shipman, Gary Ludban, Charles Corey, and Kent Radcliff.

The family wishes to express a special thank you to the Indiana Patriot Guard for their presence and participation at the funeral service.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Christian Church and Parkview-Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Robert Walt

ROME CITY — Robert T. "Bob" Walt, age 78, died unexpectedly Monday, August 10, 2009, at his home in Rome City.

Mr. Walt

Bob was born in Avilla on May 14, 1931, and was the son of Michael and Marquerite nee Miller Walt, both deceased. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade, then graduated from Avilla High School in 1950.

After graduating from high school, he began his career at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was employed there from 1950 until his retirement in 1987. At his retirement he was the supervisor of the Fire and Security Department. He moved to Rome City in 1979 from Fort Wayne.

In 1951 he joined the United States Marine Corp., serving three years with one during the Korean War.

Bob married the love of his life, Pat, while in the Marines on June 7, 1952, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She died in August of 2002, after 50 years of marriage.

Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 1988 at Father August Young Council 1790 in Garrett, Ind. He served as the Grand Knight for four years and under his leadership the council received two Star Council Awards. He joined Anthony Wayne Assembly No. 239 in September of 1993. In 1999, Bob was very instrumental in forming Mother Teresa Assembly No. 2581 which serves four councils with those being his home council 1790 in Garrett, 7839 in Kendallville, 9186 in Auburn, and 14214 in Avilla. Bob served several years as Commander of the Mother Teresa Assembly's color guard, and was presently serving as the Faithful Comptroller.

In 2006, he was appointed to the Gibault Inc. Board of Trustees and remained in that position as a dedicated believer in the Gibault Mission. Most recently he was honored as Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 21 and 22 of this year.

He was a very active member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, where he was the Past Commander, and a member of the First Marine Division Association. He was honored with a Purple Heart and many other honors throughout his life.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela and Theotis Stalling of Fort Wayne and Paula and Randy Belice of Riverside, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Nicole) Whitesell, Katie, Anny and Cody Whitesell, and Tierra, Janel and Chenea Williams; six great-grandchildren, Payton, Ajada, Anara, Acacia, Kimora and Jakari; three brothers, Michael Walt of Westville, Ind., James Walt of Craig, Colorado and Thomas Walt of Anaconda, Montana; and a sister-in-law, Helen Hall of Atlanta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Kathleen Redmond, and Patricia Bolinger.

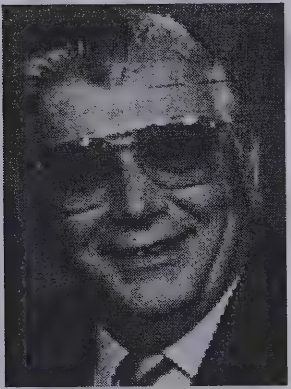
Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Memorials in memory of Bob may be made to the Gibault Inc., 6301 South U.S. Highway 41, P.O. Box 2316, Terre Haute, IN 47802-0316.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday



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Brothers, Michael Walt of Westville, In; James Walt of Craig, Colorado; Thomas Walt of Anaconda, Montana and a sister-in-law, Helen Hall of Atlanta, Georgia.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Kathleen Redmond, and Patricia Bolinger.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 14, 2009 at 11:00 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will be recited at 7:30.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Memorials in memory of Bob may be made to the Gibault Inc., 6301 South US Highway 41, PO Box 2316, Terre Haute, Indiana 47802-0316.

Donald Madden, 75

RANTOUL, Ill. — Donald E. Madden, 75, of Rantoul, Illinois, and formerly of Wolf Lake, passed away at 8:45 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2009, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Donald was born January 10, 1934 in Wolf Lake, Indiana, the son of Ross and Anna Vanmeter Madden.

He married Lois J. Stults December 28, 1954 in Wolf Lake. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, David (Judy) Madden of Burleson, Texas, Terry (Denise) Madden of Paxton; three grandchildren, Janie (Jared) Latimer of Arlington, Texas, Jason Madden of Paxton, Kate Madden of Burleson, Texas; several nieces and nephews and numerous other relatives.

Services were held August 11, 2009, at the American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Ill. Rev. Nathan Feig officiated. Burial followed in the Eden Park Cemetery, Rantoul with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post 287 of Rantoul.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Donabelle M. Shell, 90

LIGONIER – Donabelle, M. Shell, 90 of Ligonier, IN passed away August 9, 2009 at 9:40 a.m. at Avalon Village, Ligonier of natural causes. She had been a lifetime area resident.

She was born in Nappanee, IN to Roy and Ethel (Frederick) Stahly November 11, 1918.

She married Earnest J. Shell on August 30, 1941 in Wawaka. They were married for over 67 years. He survives.

She was retired from Ligonier High School Lunch Program and a member of the Wawaka Church of the Brethren where she was a member of the Ladies Aid Group.

Survivors include, her husband Earnest J. Shell of Ligonier, IN; Two children, Loretta J. (Joe) Bear of Tipton IN and Robert J. (Loretta R.) Shell of Shipshewana, IN.; Four grandchildren, Larry (Melissa) Bear of Tipton, IN; Mary T. (Paul) Clouser of Delphi, IN; Jennifer (Paul) Stauffer of Boston, MA and Matthew J. (Jennifer) Shell of Goshen, IN; Five Great-Grandchildren, Joseph, Jacob, John, Elijah and Lidea; One brother: John (Rose) Stahly of South Bend, IN and one sister Jean Loveless of Sebring, FL.

She was preceded in death by one son Adrian E. Shell in 2001, her parents, three brothers, Fred, Dan and Roy Jr. Stahly.

Services were held August 12, 2009 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier. Pastor Verne Leininger officiated.

Burial took place in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wawaka Church of the Brethren, 2726W-700N, Wawaka, IN or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718

Evelyn F. (Leffel) Black, 91

AVILLA —Evelyn F. (Leffel) Black, 91, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at 6 a.m. in the home of her daughter near Albion.

Mrs. Black has been an area resident for 20 years. She graduated as valedictorian of her senior class in Deedsville. She had worked at Wirk Garment in Ligonier and Auburn Rubber Co., and retired from Indiana Wire and Die.

She was born June 14, 1918, in Miami County, Ind., to Albert and Elizabeth (Hoover) Leffel. She was married to Guy Black.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Zumbrun of Albion; a son, John Albert Black of Avilla; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and four sisters, Ethel Lang of Redding, Calif., Wilma Sanders of Metropolis, Ill., Hazel Ridyard of Oceanside, Calif., and Miriam Shultz of South Milford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy Black in May, 1999; a son, Dennis Black, in 1965; two sisters, Mary Richardson and May DeWald; and a brother, Walter Leffel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at 1 p.m. at Calvary Methodist Church in Avilla, with The Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary Methodist Church, 125 Cherry St., Avilla, IN, 46710

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Bill H. Bender, 49

LAGRANGE — Bill H. Bender of LaGrange died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, in Angola, Indiana.

He was born in Sturgis, MI to William H. and Frances (Magnuson) Bender November 3, 1959.

He married Kim Lowrey on June 18, 1988 in LaGrange. She survives.

He was employed as a Quality Assurance Manager at a Electric-Tec in Angola. He was a1978 graduate of Lakeland High School. He attended Wetern Michigan University for one year and graduated from Indiana State University with a Bachelors of Business Degree.

Survivors include, his wife, Kim of LaGrange, IN; one son, Beau Bender of LaGrange; two daughters, Brittany Bender of Howe, IN and Ellisa Bender of LaGrange; one step-brother, Gary (Pam) Roberts of Port Ritchie, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 13, from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Funeral service will be Friday, August 14, at 1:00 P.M. in the LaGrange First Church of God in LaGrange, IN. Burial in Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, Indiana.

Preferred memorials to The Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianpolis, IN 46240. Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 12, 2009, Wednesday

Robert Carlton Ober, 82

Robert Carlton Ober, age 82, of Albion, died Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 12:30 pm at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ober was born in Garrett, Indiana on February 9, 1927 and was the son of Manford and Valera "Belle" (Lung) Ober, both deceased. He worked for Forker Excavating most of his life and retired from there after 32 years of service. He also worked for the Noble County Highway Department.

On December 11, 1954 he married Virginia Scheurich, she preceded him in death on December 11, 2007. He enjoyed fishing and spending his time with his beloved grandchildren.

Surviving are Melinda Ober of Albion, two grandchildren, Melissa (Shawn) Jordan of Albion, and Lance Conrad of Albion. Two step great grandchildren, Dawson Conrad and Kaleb Jordan. Brothers, Harold Lee (Roberta)Ober; Larry (Judy) Ober all of Albion. Sister, Kathleen (John) Wittkamper of Knightstown and a sister in law Margaret Ober of Kendallville.

Also preceeding him in death are his parents, a daughter, Lisa Ann Ober, a grandson, Chad Robert Conrad, and a brother Jerry Ober.

Funeral services were August 10, 2009 Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiated.

Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Casketbearers were Mark Ober, Mike Ober, Ross Gaff, Jeff Boyer, Joel Kaiser, and Jim Brown. Honorable casketbearers were Lance Conrad and Shawn Jordan.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion or to the donor's choice.

Hazel W. King, 69

AUBURN — Hazel W. King, 69, of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Our mother was one of a kind! She always treated her kids equally with love and respect. She was a secret keeper and a mind reader.

She loved family gatherings, and spendng time with her grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting friends at the American Legion, VFW, and Eagles, where she was a member.

She was survived by her loving and devoted husband of 31 years, Lowell King a.k.a. "Poopsi". As a wife, she was second to none, spending day and night with her husband Lowell. They enjoyed vacationing in their winter destination of Florida.

She is also survived by her children Dan (Deb) Harper of Albion, Johnny Harper of LaOtto, Michael Harper, and Kelly (Butch) Poynter of Corunna, Wanetta (Scott) Patell of Grabill, Sherry Johnson of Churubusco, and Kris (Chuck) Taylor of Garrett. She was also survived by her stepchildren Michael (Patsy) King, and David King. She was a loving grandmother of Brandon, Dustin, Michael, Amy, Michele, Misty, Christopher, Derek, Amber, Danielle, Toni, Taya, John-David, Nathan, Jennifer, Josh, Sarah, Charlie, Franky, and Mikayla, and great-grandchildren Steel, Savannah, Adrianah, and Emma. She is also survived by her brother Cody (Suzy) Schneider, and sister Caroline (Thomas) Carteaux.

She will be joining her brother, Christian Schneider, and her grandsons, Daniel Ray Harper Jr., and Markus Daniel Johnson, in heaven. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, and most of all she was our best friend.

Showing will be held at Feller and Clark Funeral home in Auburn on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, Aug 15 at 11 a.m.

Memorials should be sent in her memory to the American Diabetes Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 13, 2009, Thursday

Robert Walt

ROME CITY — Robert T. "Bob" Walt, age 78, died unexpectedly Monday, August 10, 2009, at his home in Rome City.

Mr. Walt

Bob was born in Avilla on May 14, 1931, and was the son of Michael and Marquerite nee Miller Walt, both deceased. He attended St. Mary's Catholic School through the eighth grade, then graduated from Avilla High School in 1950.

After graduating from high school, he began his career at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was employed there from 1950 until his retirement in 1987. At his retirement he was the supervisor of the Fire and Security Department. He moved to Rome City in 1979 from Fort Wayne.

In 1951 he joined the United States Marine Corp., serving three years with one during the Korean War.

Bob married the love of his life, Pat, while in the Marines on June 7, 1952, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She died in August of 2002, after 50 years of marriage.

Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in 1988 at Father August Young Council 1790 in Garrett, Ind. He served as the Grand Knight for four years and under his leadership the council received two Star Council Awards. He joined Anthony Wayne Assembly No. 239 in September of 1993. In 1999, Bob was very instrumental in forming Mother Teresa Assembly No. 2581 which serves four councils with those being his home council 1790 in Garrett, 7839 in Kendallville, 9186 in Auburn, and 14214 in Avilla. Bob served several years as Commander of the Mother Teresa Assembly's color guard, and was presently serving as the Faithful Comptroller.

In 2006, he was appointed to the Gibault Inc. Board of Trustees and remained in that position as a dedicated believer in the Gibault Mission. Most recently he was honored as Fourth Degree Exemplification on February 21 and 22 of this year.

He was a very active member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, where he was the Past Commander, and a member of the First Marine Division Association. He was honored with a Purple Heart and many other honors throughout his life.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela and Theotis Stalling of Fort Wayne and Paula and Randy Belice of Riverside, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Zachary (Nicole) Whitesell, Katie, Anny and Cody Whitesell, and Tierra, Janel and Chenea Williams; six great-grandchildren, Payton, Ajada, Anara, Acacia, Kimora and Jakari; three brothers, Michael Walt of Westville, Ind., James Walt of Craig, Colorado and Thomas Walt of Anaconda, Montana; and a sister-in-law, Helen Hall of Atlanta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Kathleen Redmond, and Patricia Bolinger.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 14, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. A rosary service will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Memorials in memory of Bob may be made to the Gibault Inc., 6301 South U.S. Highway 41, P.O. Box 2316, Terre Haute, IN 47802-0316.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 13, 2009, Thursday

Dr. William Hamilton

ST. JOE — Funeral services for Dr. William H. Hamilton of St. Joe will be at 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Dr. Hamilton, 89, died Sunday, August 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 10, 1919, in Lucas County, Iowa, to John and Maude (Nickalous) Hamilton. His parents have both passed away.

Dr. Hamilton was a professor at Purdue University in West Lafayette, retiring in 1989.

He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University in 1967.

Dr. Hamilton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a member of the National FFA, West Lafayette Kiwanis Club and the First United Methodist Church of West Lafayette.

He married Barbara L. Pond on December 10, 1945, in Rochester, New York, and she survives in St. Joe.

He is also survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marilyn Hamilton of St. Joe, Phyllis and Jim Heath of West Lafayette, and Dale and Pierre Verger of Ashland, Oregon; a daughter-in-law, Cathrine Hamilton of St. Joe; two grandsons, Paul and Leah Hamilton of St. Joe and Ted and Lynn Hamilton of Loves Park, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Kyle and Tyler Hamilton; two sisters, Francis Peterson and May Hamilton, both of St. Paul, Minn.; and two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim Hamilton of Council Bluff, Iowa, George and Marge Hamilton of Phoenix, Ariz., and Esther Howard of North Canton, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Hamilton; a sister, Mary Pendergast; and four brothers, John, Charlie, Stan and Les Hamilton.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Romaine Rose

GARRETT — Romaine Rose, 94, of Garrett and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Rose was a member of Anthony Wayne Church of God.

She was born May 6, 1915, in Van Wert, Ohio.

Surviving are three daughters, Marian (Bill) Brady of Fremont, Merrilly Sisk of Coldwater, Mich., and Paula Bunt of Fort Wayne; a son, Shawn (Beth) Rose of Auburn; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin A. "Bud" Rose, and two sons, Buck and Bud Rose.

There are no services.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Betty La Dow

FORT WAYNE — Betty M. La Dow, 87, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Mishawaka, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, in The Waters of Summit City in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hahn Funeral Home in Mishawaka. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Mishawaka.

Calling will be from 8-10 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 14, 2009, Friday

Wilfrid Faucher

LARGO, Fla. — Wilfrid J. "Bill" Faucher, 95, of Largo and formerly of Clear Lake at Fremont, Indiana, passed away Aug. 4, 2009.

Mr. Faucher

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Lola M. (Kilmartin) on January 25, 2004.

He was born in Quebec, Canada, and moved to Largo, Fla., in 1996 from Fremont, Indiana, where he was a builder and contractor.

Bill served with the Royal Canadian Engineers in France during WWII.

He was a member of the Largo-Mid Pinellas Kiwanis Club, the Greater Largo Library Foundation, and Friends of the Pinellas Park Library.

He, and his late wife, Lola, were major contributors to the Largo Police Department and Largo Library, where the children's wing is named in their honor.

Bill was also instrumental in helping to obtain the F-16 fighter aircraft on display at Freedom Lake Park in Pinellas Park.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, August 10, 2009, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Clearwater, Florida.

Local graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the Ray-Covenanter Cemetery, near Fremont, Indiana, with Father Philip Schneider of the St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church officiating.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Matsuko Erwin

DEDEDO, Guam — Mitsuko "Mitsi" Erwin, beloved wife of Charles Erwin formerly of Auburn, lost her short but courageous battle with cancer on July 29, 2009, with her husband and family at her side.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1949, on Okinawa, Japan.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, of Guam; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dawn Erwin of Guam and Amie and Sascha Hertslet of Germany; one son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Jocelyn Erwin of Chesapeake, Va.; three grandchildren, Gillian and Justice Hertslet of Germany and Jolie Erwin of Chesapeake; two sisters and one brother, all of Okinawa; and her extended family in the Auburn area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and a sister-in-law, Patricia Erwin.

Private services were held with burial in the military cemetery on Guam

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2370-B Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

Margaret Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Zimmerman, 89, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at her Angola home.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 14, 2009, Friday

Morris Barrett

LIGONIER — Morris E. Barrett, 81, of Ligonier, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Ligonier United Methodist Church with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church.

Delma Yoder

LIGONIER — Delma Yoder, 87, of Ligonier died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Ligonier Evangelical Church in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Gonser

HUDSON — Helen E. Gonser, 89, of Hudson died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Gonser retired from teaching in 1982. She had taught at Auburn High School and for the East Noble School System.

She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, the Ladies Guild and the Study Club.

She was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Steuben County to George and Margaret (Emerson) Butler. She married Robert D. Gonser on June 29, 1952, in Salem Center. He died July 3, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Cliff and Sylvia Gonser of Hudson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lizabeth and Robert Petry of East Moline, Ill., and Lilli and Kenny Giessler of Hudson; two sisters, Rose Clark of Hudson and Marie Brouse of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson with the Rev. Donald M. Wadkins officiating.

Memorials are to the Parkinson Association.

Condolences may be sent online to Johnson@bnin.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 15, 2009, Saturday

Margaret Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Margaret E. Zimmerman, 89, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at her daughter's Angola home.

Mrs. Zimmerman was a homemaker and a former baby sitter. She had also cared for her late daughter, Vicky Zimmerman.

She was a graduate of Ray School in Michigan.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was born April 3, 1920, in Branch County, Mich., to Artie and Gladys (Wilkinson) Clark. She married Donald Keith Zimmerman on Feb. 24, 1940. He died Jan. 23, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Thain of Angola; two sons, Tommy Keith and Sofia Zimmerman of Angola and Tim M. and Luann Zimmerman of Angola; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Vicky Zimmerman on July 25, 2006; and three brothers, Bob, Leo and Mike Clark.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rise Inc. in Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

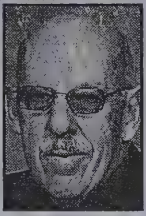
Morris Barrett

LIGONIER — Morris E. Barrett, 81, of Ligonier died unexpectedly at 7:31 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Barrett was a lifelong area resident.

He was self-employed.

Morris was a dedicated servant to Ligonier United Methodist Church and to his community.


Mr. Barrett

He was a member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Shriner's.

He was born March 20, 1928, in Ligonier to Emi and Effie (Chrisman) Barrett. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his companion, Gloria Beckner of Ligonier, and seven cousins, Gary and Caroline Chrisman of Shipshewana, Nolan "Butch" Chrisman of Wolcottville, Phil and Judith Chrisman of Nappanee, Ray and Deanna Chrisman of LaGrange, Lee and Ruth Ann Chrisman of Winona Lake, Don and Linda Chrisman of Ligonier and Barb Leamon of Cromwell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009, at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, with Pastor Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Condolences may be sent online to yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Donna Morris

ANGOLA — Donna Belle Risk Stevens Morris, 90, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Morris had been a biology and physical education teacher at Angola High School.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and served as a district officer for the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Morris served as a volunteer naturalist for the National Park Service at Everglades National Park, was a longtime Girl Scout Leader, taught English to Vietnamese children at Jubilee Partners in Georgia and was a member of the Angola Garden Club.

She was born July 4, 1919, in Muncie to Don Cecil and Clara (Adams) Risk.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Max Stevens and Vic Morris.

Surviving are a son, Jay and Anita Stevens of Angola; five daughters, Janie Shirey of Edinburg, Pa., Judy and Tim Mekkes of Grandville, Mich., Jean and Dave Sweigart of Angola, Jo and Tim Crooks of Angola and Jackie Doran of Genoa, Wis.; a sister, Rosemary Colsten of Waco, Texas; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Brin Stevens and two sons-in-law, Jim Shirey and Bob Doran.

Services are pending.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 15, 2009, Saturday

David Church

AUBURN — David Wayne Church, 41, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Among his survivors are Robin Salisbury of Waterloo and Mark Salisbury of Bunker Hill, Ind.

He was preceded in death by Bliss Alfred Church.

There will be no services or calling.

Cremation has taken place.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Louis Wensloff

MIDDLEBURY — Louis Edward Wensloff, 84, of Granville, Ohio, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at the Heath Nursing and Convalescent Center.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Johnloz

HOWE — Clarence A. Johnloz, 62, of Howe died at 11:03 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at his home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Mitsuko 'Mitsi' Erwin

DEDEDO, Guam — Mitsuko "Mitsi" Erwin, beloved wife of Charles Erwin formerly of Auburn, lost her short but courageous battle with cancer on July 29, 2009, with her husband and family at her side.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1949, on Okinawa, Japan.

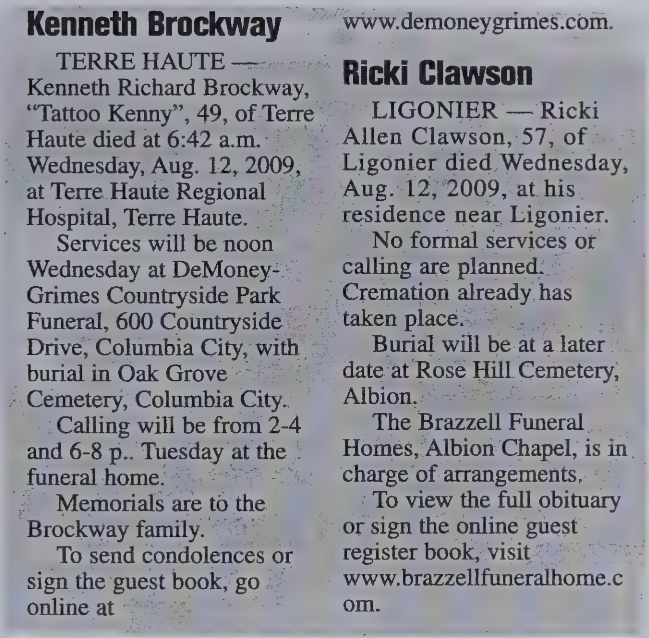
She is survived by her husband of 37 years, of Guam; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dawn Erwin of Guam and Amie and Sascha Hertslet of Germany; one son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Jocelyn Erwin of Chesapeake, Va.; three grandchildren, Gillian and Justice Hertslet of Germany and Jolie Erwin of Chesapeake; two sisters and one brother, all of Okinawa; and her extended family in the Auburn area.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and a sister-in-law, Patricia Erwin.

Private services were held with burial in the military cemetery on Guam.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2370-B Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii 96817.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 16, 2009, Sunday



Kenneth Brockway

TERRE HAUTE — Kenneth Richard Brockway, "Tattoo Kenny", 49, of Terre Haute died at 6:42 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Terre Haute.

Services will be noon Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Brockway family.

To send condolences or sign the guest book, go online at www.demoneygrimes.com.

Ricki Clawson

LIGONIER — Ricki Allen Clawson, 57, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at his residence near Ligonier.

No formal services or calling are planned. Cremation already has taken place.

Burial will be at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To view the full obituary or sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN August 16, 2009 Sunday

Meyers valued his community

BY JIM SHILANDER
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PHOTO CONTIBUTED

Kenneth Meyers was an active player in many aspects of Steuben County, from tourism to politics to community organizations. Here he is pictured, left, with other state Republican county chairs at a state meeting in the 1950s. Meyers served as the chair of the Steuben County Republican Party for 16 years.

ANGOLA — Kenneth Meyers was a wonderful salesman for Steuben County.

Meyers, who helped to found the Steuben County Tourism Bureau and managed the Potowatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, died Aug. 5 at age 93.

Meyer's son, Phil, said his father helped to instill in him a sense of caring about where he lived.

"He really did try to instill a sense of family and a sense of community," Meyers said. "At the dinner table at home, we wouldn't be talking sports, we'd talk about local politics and community events."

Phil said that sense of community was something he'd been taught by his own father, who moved the family into the Angola area in 1926. His father then became involved in local politics in a big way, serving as both a county council member and commissioner.

"I think that's where he (Kenneth) got it from," Phil said.

After serving in World War II, Meyers returned to the area, where he held a number of sales positions. Among them was an eight-year stint as the manager of Potawatomi Inn in the 1950s and '60s. Phil said these types of positions fit his father naturally.

"He enjoyed it because he was a very people-oriented person," Phil said.

Meyers helped to modernize the inn during his time there.

"He got televisions for a lot of the rooms; very few had them at the time he took over," Phil said. "Some of the rooms didn't even have telephones, so it was quite a modernization they went through there."

While Meyers spent a great deal of time at work and with various community organizations, including the Angola Masonic Lodge, Angola Lions Club and American Legion. Phil said his father always took the time he needed to at home.

"He had his priorities right," Phil said. "I wish more children could have a father like mine — he was always there when I needed him, he picked me up when I stumbled, he disciplined me when I required it and he congratulated me when I deserved it."

Meyers and his wife, Alice, were married 62 years when she died in 2003.

"For him, those six years without her were longer than the 62 with her," Phil said.

The two never went to bed angry, he said.

"She was a very gentle woman, a fair woman. He was the same way. He could have an edge, but there was a heart of gold inside."

Some of his wife's patience, developed from her time as a teacher, was necessary when Meyers got into one of his pastimes, making different varieties of wine in the kitchen.

"It was something he picked up to pass the time while I was in Vietnam," Phil said. "That and woodworking. But he always had a new batch or concoction going in the kitchen. Sometimes it would go a little haywire, and he'd have to clean things up."

While the winemaking eventually slowed down, Phil said his father kept up the woodworking well into his 80s, along with his daily get-togethers to talk about local politics with friends.

"It started back in the early-'70s with five gentlemen, my father and some of the owners of businesses downtown. They'd get together every day at 8:30 a.m. They've probably been everywhere in Angola," Phil said. "Sometimes there'd be as many as 12. They'd always play a game to see who paid, and they'd write it down in a book. There have to have been about 125 of those books that have been used."

Meyers was instrumental in the founding of the Steuben County Tourism board, and was a longtime member of its board of directors. Director June Julien said Meyers was a good friend and helped set a lot of positive things in motion.

"He was a wonderful mentor and a very progressive thinker," Julien said. "He was always helping us. He was just such a nice man. He had unbelievable dedication to making the community a better place. I'm really honored to have known him and been able to work with him."

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 17, 2009, Monday

Kenneth Brockway

TERRE HAUTE — Kenneth Richard "Tattoo Kenny" Brockway, 49, of Terre Haute died at 6:42 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Terre Haute.

Mr. Brockway

Born on Sept. 1, 1959, in Tacoma, Wash., he was the son of Richard Kenneth Brockway and Sarah Jane (Bridgewater) Riley.

Raised in Columbia City, he attended the Columbia City public school system. On Oct. 26, 1996, he married Zarada K. Johnson in Kosciusko County and they have resided in Terre Haute since 1997. His church membership included Who So Ever Will in Dugger.

Survivors include his wife, Zarada of Terre Haute; son, Shyan; daughters, Fawn, Charnail and Shanda; mother, Sarah J. Riley of Syracuse; brothers, Keith A. Brockway of Fort Wayne and David Gaff of Syracuse; sister, Karen Clark of Fort Wayne; five nieces; nine granddaughters; and one uncle.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Dean Brockway; grandmother, Ruby Boxwell; and grandfather, Willard Bridgewater.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Services will be Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at noon at the funeral home with certified funeral celebrants Sharon Brockhaus and Randy L. Grimes officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Brockway's memory to the Brockway Family.

To send family condolences or sign the guest register book, visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

Clarence Johnloz

SHIPSHEWANA — Clarence A. Johnloz, 62, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 at home.

Services will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich., Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. A luncheon will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the VFW, Sturgis, Mich.

Private viewing will take place today.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Delma Yoder

LIGONIER — Delma Yoder, 87, of Ligonier died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Delma was a lifelong area resident and a dedicated homemaker. She was a 1940 graduate of Cromwell High School and a member of Ligonier Evangelical Church.

She was born Dec. 22, 1921, in Cromwell to Melvin and Ella (Keister) Wright. She married Charles S. Yoder on Sept. 1, 1940. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen C. and Sylvia Yoder of South Windsor, Conn., and John L. and Laurel Yoder of Eugene, Ore.; two sisters, Nada Gaff of Ligonier and Melva Wolf of Marshall, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband were her parents; a daughter, Charlene Martin of Ligonier; three sisters; and one brother.

Services will be Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Ligonier Evangelical Church with Pastor Dave Kushman officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be Thursday, Aug. 20 from 4-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier Evangelical Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Man killed in ’cycle crash

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SHIPSHEWANA — A Shipshewana man was killed late Sunday after his motorcycle rear-ended a van, according to the LaGrange County Sheriff’s Department.

Darrel D. Weaver, 42, of rural Shipshewana died at the scene of the accident at 9:27 p.m., shortly after his Harley-Davidson motorcycle rear-ended a van in the 8000 block of West S.R. 120 just west of S.R. 5 near Shipshewana.

At 9:15 p.m., Weaver was eastbound on S.R. 120 on his 2006 Harley behind a 2002 Ford van driven by and registered to Warren Patka, no age provided, of LaGrange. Patka slowed his van for an Amish buggy traveling in front of him. Police said that, for reasons unknown, Weaver ran into the rear of Patka’s van.

Police said Weaver was not using any safety equipment. No details about the injuries that caused his death were released.

Weaver was born in LaGrange. For the past several years he had worked at Sportsmans K-Z in Shipshewana.

A complete obituary for Mr. Weaver appears on Page A4.

Darrel Weaver

SHIPSHEWANA — Darrel D. Weaver, 42, of Shipshewana, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at 9:27 p.m. at the scene of a motorcycle and van accident at 8250 West State Road 120, Shipshewana.

He was born March 23, 1967, in LaGrange to David and Martha Ellen (Schrock) Weaver.

He had worked for several years at Sportsmans K-Z, Shipshewana. He was a member of the Shore Mennonite Church.

Surviving are his parents; three daughters and a son-in-law, Erin and Travis Young of Wolcottville, Elissa Weaver of Shipshewana and Chelsea Weaver of Shipshewana; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Etta and Ben Mullet of Milford and Vera and Steve Chupp of Goshen; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Verlyn and Deborah Weaver of Topeka, Wilbur Weaver of Howe, David Weaver Jr. of Topeka and Maynard and Linda Weaver of Goshen; six nephews and 15 nieces.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner officiating. Burial will be in the Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family for the care of his two daughters, Elissa and Chelsea.

Condolences may be left at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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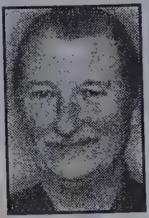
P. Douglas Colbart

HUNTINGTON — P. Douglas Colbart, 70, of Huntington, died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at 7:59 p.m. at his home.


Mr. Colbart

Mr. Colbart was born May 5, 1939, in Angola to Donald and Frances (Clark) Colbart.

He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1957.

He married Linda S. Pinkerton on Oct. 18, 1959, in Waterloo.

He worked for Noll Printing for 32 years and retired from Mignone Communications of Huntington in 2006 after 11 years as a printer.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Linda S. Colbart; his stepmother, Wilma Colbart of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Deniece Colbart of Huntington, Dennis and Ena Colbart of Columbia City, and Darrin and Connie Colbart of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Linda Colbart of Auburn and Byron and Janice Farrell of Godfrey, Ill.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Jim Hamilton of Auburn, and Suzan and Al Armstrong of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, with Russell Buzzard officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Memorials are to the Huntington County Cancer Society, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be left at www.baileylove.com.

Cathy Nowels

KENDALLVILLE — Cathy Wible Nowels, 46, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nowels

Mrs. Nowels was born in Kendallville on May 4, 1963, to Wayne Allen and Martha Ann (Gunsaullus) Wible and graduated from East Noble High School in 1981.

Cathy's family was most important to her and she cherished the time spent with them, especially on all the family vacations they took together. Cathy will be missed by many of her close friends who cared deeply for her throughout the years.

Survivors include her mother, Martha (Gunsaullus) Wible of Kendallville; three daughters, Amanda Nowels, Cassandra Nowels and Alexandria Nowels, all of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jeff and Jennifer Wible of Wolcottville and David and Lori Wible of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Brent Fitch of Birmingham, Mich.; three nephews and four nieces.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne, on Aug. 15, 2001.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Owen Drerup, Rhonda Fortress, Tracee Fischer, Patty Chambers, Pat Marlin, Tammy Swagger, Jennifer Wible, Lori Wible, Brent Fitch and Keagan Zent will be honorary casketbearers.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A video tribute may be viewed by Wednesday or condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com.

David Church

WATERLOO — David Wayne Church, 41, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are his mother, Marilyn (Church) Johnston of Waterloo, and two brothers Robin Salisbury of Waterloo and Mark Salisbury of Bunker Hill, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bliss Alfred Church.

There will be no services or calling. Cremation has taken place.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

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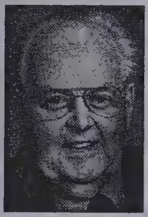
August 18, 2009, Tuesday

Arie VanStraten

AUBURN — Arie VanStraten, 81, died Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009, at his home in Auburn.


Mr. VanStraten

Mr. VanStraten was born Dec. 4, 1927, in Amersfoort, Holland, to Jan and Aartje (Batavier) VanStraten.

He graduated from high school in 1943 in Holland and served in the Dutch Army from 1948 to 1952. He returned to Holland in 1955 and married Catharina Dekker on October 5, 1956. She died July 21, 2008.

They came to the United States in March 1957, and he began working with a local cabinet maker and then with Grabill Cabinet Company. In 1963 he and his wife, Tiny, opened their own cabinet company but always kept a working relationship with Grabill Cabinet Company as a kitchen designer until his diagnosis with pancreatic cancer in December, 2007. He and Tiny also opened a Montgomery Ward Catalog Agency and then, after retirement, they moved to Wesley Park Apartment and Tiny became the manager of the apartment building, and Arie was her “maintenance man and chief trouble maker” for 16 years.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church. He was a strong supporter of the American Red Cross, where he donated 16 whole gallons of blood and participated as a Pheresis donor 109 times over his lifetime. Upon learning of his diagnosis of cancer, the only tears he shed were when he was told he could no longer donate blood.

He was a former member and past president of the Auburn Jaycees. As president of the Jaycees he, along with five other community members, participated in the fundraising and development of the Auburn Community Pool. He was honored with a lifetime USA Senatorship in the Jaycees.

He was a member of the Auburn Lions Club and an active member of the American Cancer Society, the Good Samaritan Clothing Bank and the Homeless Shelter. He was the founder and president of the Hoosier Chorale with whom he traveled through Western Europe. He also organized 11 tours for European choirs here in the United States.

He is survived by four children, sons John VanStraten of Auburn and Eric VanStraten of Indianapolis and daughters Helen (Jim) Caldwell of Morgantown and JoAnn (Grant) DeVenney of Bentonville, Ark.; seven grandchildren, Joshua Caldwell, Shelby Sipe, Thomas Caldwell, Adam DeVenney, Ashley DeVenney, Diedre VanStraten and Anneke VanStraten; two sisters, Johanna Oosterbaan and Everdina Schouten; and nieces, nephews and other extended family in the Netherlands.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Auburn First United Methodist Church. Rev. Ted Jansen and Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the church, one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be directed to the American Red Cross or the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is assisting the family with arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 19, 2009, Wednesday

Mary Sanders

ANGOLA — Mary Susan Sanders, 95, of Angola, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, in Angola.

Miss Sanders

She was born Jan. 3, 1914, on a farm three miles west of Angola to Paul W. and Dessie (Crain) Sanders.

She attended Loon Lake School west of Angola for grades 1-6 and Angola Public Schools for grades 7-12. She was a four-year honor student in high school. After graduation in 1931, Mary completed three more years of post-graduate studies and worked in the principal's office.

She was a bookkeeper at Angola Farm Bureau for three years and was a bookkeeper for Chrysler Corp. at Healy Motor Sales in Angola for four years.

She attended Butler University College of Religion and Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis for four years.

She was a song evangelist and youth director all over the United States for 18 years. During that time she taught and was head of the music department at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, Ky., for six years.

She was secretary to Lester Ford, president of Midwest Christian College in Oklahoma City, Okla., for four years.

Mary was Steuben County deputy auditor for one year and then was secretary for F.K. McCutchan, superintendent of schools in Angola, for 15 years, retiring in 1978.

When she retired in 1978, Mary gave voice lessons and accompanied her students often times for 10 years.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church, where she was the youth and music director for four years.

She was baptized Oct. 25, 1925, in the Angola Christian Church on West Maumee Street.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of Kappa Beta Sorority, NEBS educational group, the Frances Elliott Clark Music Club and a lifetime member of the National Evangelistic Association of Churches of Christ.

Mary sang on the North American Christian Convention and other conventions for 15 years and taught Bible school for many years.

She is survived by several cousins, Herb and Nancy Sanders of Angola, Steve and Virgene Sanders of Angola, Susan Sanders Jacoby of Tumcomce, Mich., and Joe Sanders of Montana.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Loretta C. Sanders on Oct. 11, 2005.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Henry Pratt officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church.

The Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 19, 2009, Wednesday

Irvin Carpenter

HUDSON — Irvin W. "Irv" Carpenter, 80, formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, in his home at the Lake-of-the-Woods, near Hudson.

Mr. Carpenter

Mr. Carpenter worked for Dana Corporation for 39 years, retiring Dec. 1, 1989.

He was a private first class in the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean Conflict.

He was born April 7, 1929, in Roanoke, to Fred and Lula (Vanmeter) Carpenter. They both preceded him in death.

He married Pauline Fields on Aug. 14, 1948, and she died Nov. 11, 2001. He then married Maxine Weber on April 24, 2004, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael Wayne and Susan Carpenter of Garrett; one daughter and son-in-law, Katherine Jean and David Platner of Shelby Township, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jeffrey Platner, Amanda Tarlton, Jaclyn Carpenter and Craig Carpenter; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred Carpenter, Dewey Carpenter and Charles Bragg; two half-brothers, James Slagel and Carl Slagel; and two sisters, Ruth Bradfield and Rosa Carpenter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Kenny Queener officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the Avilla American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the ALS Foundation.

Geraldine Jones

KENDALLVILLE — Geraldine Jones, 63, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Jones was born in Pikeville, Knott County, Ky., on Jan. 14, 1946, to Willie and Palestine (Turner) Hall. They preceded her in death.

She married Mark Jones. He preceded her death in Rome City on Sept. 27, 1973.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker, a member of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church and worked at McDonald's in Kendallville.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mark Jones Jr. and Joni Jones of Avilla; two daughters, Christine Merriman of Kendallville and Crystal Jones of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Brady, Scott and Rick Jones.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 321 East Mitchell Street in Kendallville, with Pastor James A. Caudill officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Faith Freewill Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the Faith Freewill Baptist Church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com.

Marcia Fuleki

ST. JOE — Marcia (Rissner) Fuleki, 59, of St. Joe died Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

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THE NEWS SUN
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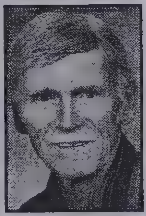
August 20, 2009, Thursday

Richard Bennett

AVILLA — Richard "Dick" Bennett, 68, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bennett

Born in Fort Wayne, Richard worked for Fort Wayne Moving & Storage & Terex Advance Mixer, retiring in 2004.

Dick enjoyed his grandchildren, '62 truck, NASCAR and fishing.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a member of the Teamsters Local #414.

Surviving are his wife, Rita Bennett of Avilla; son, Charles (Krystal) Bennett of Waterloo; daughter, Stephanie (Armando) Roque of Kendallville; and grandchildren, Nickolas, Noah, Nando, Edson and Kadyn.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Queentine Bennett, sisters, Janet Fultner and Loretta Byerley and grandson, Rigo Garcia.

Funeral ceremony is 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne with the Rev. Sue Socha officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 pm Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccombandsons.com.

Helen Chebowski

TROY, Mich. — Helen A. Chebowski, 100, of Troy, Mich., died Monday, Aug. 17, 2009.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart of St. Mary Cemetery, Detroit, Mich. Condolences may be left at DesmondFuneralHome.com.

Cecil Crotts

SOUTH MILFORD — Cecil Crotts, 62, of South Milford died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at his residence. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Alondo Thatcher

FREMONT — Graveside services for Alondo DeVon "Lolly" Thatcher of Fremont will take place Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Fremont Cemetery with Pastor Keith Olson officiating. Military committal services will be conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion Post 257.

Mr. Thatcher died Dec. 15, 2008. Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

Marcia Fuleki

ST. JOE — Marcia A. Fuleki, 59, of St. Joe, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, in her residence. She had been in failing health since January.

Mrs. Fuleki

Mrs. Fuleki had worked at the Oasis Tavern in St. Joe.

She collected pottery and crocheted and was a graduate of East Noble High School.

She was born Aug. 1, 1950, in Garrett, to Harry and Joann (Blech) Rissner.

On Dec. 15, 1972, she married Gary W. Fuleki. He survives in St. Joe.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Fuleki of Wawaka; three daughters, Dawn Bowman of Kendallville, Carrie Fuleki of Garrett and Gail Smith of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kenny and Diane Rissner of Kendallville and George Rissner of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John Rissner.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Rev. Brent Wedding officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be left at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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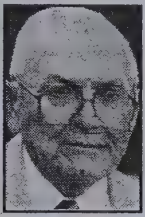
August 20, 2009, Thursday

Louis Angel

FREMONT — Louis J. Angel, 92, of Fremont and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, in Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.


Mr. Angel

Mr. Angel was a retired time study engineer with Toledo Scale of Toledo.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Chapel at Clear Lake. He previously was a member of St. Ann's Parish and its Holy Name Society and a former member of St. Clement's Parish, both in Toledo. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the European Front with the Armored Artillery Division. He was a charter member of the American Legion Stout - Nesbit Post #156, Montgomery, Mich.

He was born April 15, 1917, in Akron, Ohio, to Louis and Elenora (Stadler) Angel.

He married Irene M. Pheifer on Aug. 16, 1941, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 22, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Barbara Angel of Fremont and Thomas and Joy Angel of Toledo; a daughter, Sister Marilyn Ann Angel S.N.D. of Whitehouse, Ohio; two grandsons, Bradley and Brian Angel; and one sister, Elizabeth Lieberman of Mason, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene M. Angel, his parents and two brothers, James A. Angel and William D. Angel.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Chapel, Clear Lake, with Father Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Toledo, with graveside committal services at 2:30 p.m.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Sisters Of Notre Dame, 3837 Secor Rd., Toledo, Ohio 43623 or St. Paul Catholic Chapel (Clear Lake), 8780 E - 700 N, Fremont, IN 46737.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 21, 2009, Friday

Cecil Crotts

SOUTH MILFORD — Cecil Franklin Crotts, 62, of South Milford, died on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 at his residence.

Mr. Crotts

Mr. Crotts was born in Cana, Va., on May 2, 1947 to Virgil Howard and Ruth Irene (Koegel) Crotts.

He married Rebecca Lou Chamberlin on Oct. 22, 1971, in South Milford.

He worked for the Indiana Department of Transportation for more than 30 years.

Cecil liked to draw and sketch and he loved fishing, walking and bowling. He enjoyed building model cars and working on cars and lawnmowers. Cecil loved spending time with his family and grandchildren, eating out, watching NASCAR and old movies.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Crotts of South Milford; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori and Randy Smith of Kendallville and Angela Crotts of South Milford; two grandsons, Ethan and Evan Smith; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Violet Pelfrey of Mt. Airy, N.C., Mary and Ernie Seafert of Bassett, Va., Ruby and Bryant Haynes of Fieldale, Va., and Wilma Hawks of Cana, Va.; a sister-in-law, Pauletta Crotts of Mt. Airy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Amanda Crotts, on Feb. 6, 1999, brothers, Howard Clayton Crotts and Clifton Crotts, and his father-in-law, John Chamberlin, on April 13, 2009.

Funeral Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Bob Rottmiller, Dave Clinger, Gayle Chamberlin, Gale Shultz, Mark Howe, and Greg Strawser. Honorary bearers will be his grandsons Ethan and Evan Smith, Bill Slone, Ralph Yoder, Jim Kilgore, Rich Stutzman, Carleton Smith and John Abbott.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Association or to the Amanda Crotts Memorial Scholarship Fund.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

Christina Kern

WAWAKA — Christina Marie Kern, 41, of Wawaka died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at her residence.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating.

Memorials are to the Central Maryland Chorale.

Dick White

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dick Devon White, 84, of The Forum in Louisville, Ky., died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at 12:20 p.m.

He was born May 29, 1925, in Auburn and had lived in Louisville since 1955.

After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy Air Corps and served in World War II. Upon his return he married Joyce E. Tobias of Fort Wayne.

He became a tool and die maker with GE and held other management positions with the company. He retired after 38 years of service in 1985 as head safety engineer of Appliance Park.

He was a member of Westport Road Baptist Church in Louisville and Calvary Baptist Church in Englewood, Fla. He was a Certified Safety Professional and Licensed Professional Safety Engineer. He was a member of the American Legion and a Kentucky Colonel.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Joyce; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Bob Pessolano; a son, and daughter-in-law, Steven and Debbie White; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patricia Reid of Thorold, Ontario.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Owen Funeral Home — Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville. Burial will be in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hosparus.

Condolences may be left at OwenFuneralHome.com.

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Margaret Wilson

COLUMBIA CITY — Margaret “Grandma” Wilson, 88, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township, died at 12:30 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2009, at the home of her son north of Larwill following an extended illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Coronne K. Boruff, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m., Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Monday afternoon.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Wilson’s memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Jeremiah Whetstone

SOUTH MILLERSBURG — Jeremiah Jon Whetstone, of South Millersburg, was stillborn at 11:16 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

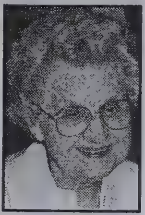
Graveside services will be conducted by Bishop Marlin Frey in Honeyville Cemetery.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Chebowski

TROY, Mich. — Helen A. Chebowski, 100, of Troy, Mich., died Monday, Aug. 17, 2009.

She was the mother of Donald Chebowski (Patricia) of Troy, Mich., Jerome Chebowski (Patricia) of Fremont, and the late Joan Barzotti (Joseph). Also surviving are five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was the sister of Mary Ann Pershon, Edward, Joseph, Raymond, Norbert, and the late Walter and Cecilia Augustyn.


Mrs. Chebowski

Burial is in Sacred Heart of St. Mary Cemetery, Detroit, Mich.

The obituary may be viewed and condolences left at obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

A.J. Desmond & Son Funeral Home, Troy, Mich., is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Rodney Hall

WATERLOO — The Rev. Rodney R. Hall, 76, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to his church, Agape Assembly of God Church, Waterloo.

Alta Hite

KENDALLVILLE — Alta May Hite, 93, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Hite was born in Kendallville on April 15, 1916, to Gordon and Jenny (Sillaway) Gillespie.

She married Harold L. Hite on October 11, 1941, and he died July 26, 1985.

She was a homemaker and in the past was employed at Magnavox in Fort Wayne, McCray Refrigeration and No-Sag in Kendallville.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Annettie McNamara of Stroh; a stepson, Robert “Jake” Hite of Ligonier; four grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; many great-great grandchildren; three great-great-great grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Grace Gillespie of Kendallville and Robert and Francis Gillespie of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Estilene Jinnings

BALL LAKE — Estilene C. Jinnings, 91, formerly of Ball Lake, Hamilton, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Jinnings

Mrs. Jinnings was born March 11, 1918, in Edon, Ohio, to Grover and Carrie (Lump) Shaull.

She married Leroy Jinnings on May 25, 1935, in Crown Point.

She and her husband raised registered Holstein cattle on their Troy Township farm, before retiring to Ball Lake.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Butler.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Robert Stayer of Auburn and Marilyn and Jon David Snyder of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Tara Jinnings of Shreveport, La., and Thomas and Kay Jinnings of Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, LeRoy, on Sept. 8, 2001, and one son, Edward Arthur Jinnings.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 3985 East Church Street, Hamilton, with Pastor John Stuck officiating.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church basement remodeling fund, 217 W. Main St., Butler, IN 46721.

Condolences may be left at or the online guest book may be signed at oberlin-turnbull.com.

Rev. Rodney Hall

WATERLOO — The Rev. Rodney R. Hall, 75, of Waterloo, died Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Hall worked for the DeKalb Central School System where he taught English and literature. He was also the pastor of the Agape Assembly of God in Waterloo.

He was born Dec. 2, 1933, in Detroit, Mich., to Webster Winstead and Nellie Pearl (Johnson) Hall. They preceded him in death.

He married Della "Lu" Oliver on May 3, 1952, in Pocahontas, Ark. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter Dr. Sheila Zell Hall Kennedy and her husband, Earl C. Humphres, of Seattle, Wash.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rick R. and Denise Hall of Auburn, Bret B. and Teresa Hall of Waterloo, and Todd T. and Cindy Hall of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Larry L. and Patricia Hall of Mayfield, Ky.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Emerson E. Hall.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating.

Calling was Friday from 2 to 4 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Agape Assembly of God Church, Waterloo.

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Christina Kern

WAWAKA — Christina Marie Kern, 41, of Wawaka, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009, at her residence.

She moved to the area in 1989, coming from Iowa.

She had performed as a professional ballerina with the Washington and Omaha Ballets. For the past six years she worked at Jeld-Wen in Ligonier.

She was born Dec. 14, 1967, in Washington, D.C.

She married Corey Kern on March 12, 1988, and he survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Corey Kern II and Natasha Kern of Evansville; a daughter, Alicia Kern of Wawaka; her parents, Jacob and Dana (Dahowski) Raitt of Laurel, Md.; a brother, Jacob Raitt II of Baltimore, Md.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hope Raitt of Philadelphia, Pa., and Jennifer and Tim Macklin of Black Rock, Conn.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

A memorial service will take place today at 2 p.m. at the Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Maryland Chorale, P.O. Box 698, Laurel, MD 20725.

Condolences may be left at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Paul Nichols

LORIDA, Fla. — Paul Lee Nichols, 75, formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009, in Lorida, Fla. Memorial service to be announced later.

Robert Carpenter

ASHLEY — Robert L. Carpenter, 93, of Ashley died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at his home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Hudson.

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Virgil Fannin

KENDALLVILLE — Virgil R. Fannin, 75, of Kendallville died Saturday, August 22, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. in his residence.

Mr. Fannin

Mr. Fannin lived in Kendallville since 1955, coming from Kentucky. He had worked at Lane Foundry in Lisbon for 33 years and Tenneco Manufacturing in Ligonier for 12 years. He attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born June 3, 1934, in Drift, Kentucky, to James Edgar and Florence (Smith) Fannin. On Feb. 1, 1956, in Kendallville he married Wanda Hunter.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda Fannin of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and James Parks of Avilla and Angela and Pat Rudolph of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Irvin Fannin of Flagstaff, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Sandra Warrix in February 2006, and Connie Slone in July 2006, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and also Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Carpenter

ASHLEY — Robert Lee Carpenter, aged 93, passed away in his rural Ashley home on Aug. 21, 2009.

Mr. Carpenter

One of three children, he was born July 18, 1916, to Claude L. Carpenter and Leona Odessa "Dessie" (Ransburg) Carpenter at their home in Pleasant Lake.

Robert was a graduate of the Ashley High School class of 1934. As a teenager during the Depression, he worked in the onion fields, eventually making his way to work at the Ford Motor Company's Highland Park Plant building gun directors during World War II. He became an electrician while attending Ford Trade School.

After 10 years in Detroit, and a year in Ford Hospital battling tuberculosis, Robert returned to Ashley to run the family farm while working at the Dana Spicer Clutch Division in Auburn. He retired with the title of Plant Engineer in 1979. He helped build and was co-owner of the Star Light Motel in Auburn from the late '60s to mid-late '70s.

Robert attended the United Brethren Church in Hudson. He also enjoyed gardening and listening to Rush Limbaugh.

He was married July 20, 1963, and is survived by his wife of 46 years, Doris Virginia (Morr) Carpenter; their son, Jack Carpenter of Ashley; a daughter, Janet Carpenter of Waterloo, and a daughter and son-in-law, Roberta and Charles Bennett of Columbia City; five grandchildren, Cassandra Baliga, Teddy D. Lepley III, and Janelle L. Kell of Waterloo, and Hannah and Rachel Bennett of Columbia City. He is also survived by two nieces and their spouses, Deborah and Allen Teegardin of Kendallville, Shirley (Gramling) King of Angola of Angola; and nephew Douglas Gramling of Eaton Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Ruth Virginia Gramling and Frances Olivia Allen; and a niece, Cynthia (Allen) Seater.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the United Brethren Church at 516 North Main Street, Hudson, with Pastor Craig E. Burkholder officiating. Calling is at the church from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials are to the United Brethren Church in Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of services.

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Elsie Schlotterback

GARRETT —Elsie E. Schlotterback, 78 of Garrett, died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at 5:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Schlotterback

She was born April 27, 1931 in Marysville, Ohio, to Walter and Laura (Rausch) Kleiber. She married Earl M. Schlotterback on Dec. 8, 1950, in Garrett. He passed away Aug. 3, 2002. Elsie worked at the Creek Chub Bait Company and also co-owned Schlotterback's Grocery. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and former member of the Garrett Garden Club.

She is survived by a son, Edward Schlotterback of Garrett; son and daughter in-law, Eugene and Lorna Schlotterback of Garrett; her brother, Ralph and Grace Ann Kleiber of Raymond, Ohio; sisters, Loren and Bernette Nicol and Ray and Dorothy McCarty, all of Marysville, Ohio. Also surviving is her uncle, Alfred Blumenschein of Marysville, Ohio, and her aunts Bertha and Frances Kleiber of Marysville, Ohio. Also surviving is a granddaughter, Kim Miceli of Fort Wayne; granddaughter, Mark and Bethany Heileman of Kendallville; granddaughter, Emily Schlotterback of Kendallville and grandson, Brett Schlotterback of Kendallville. Elsie's great-grandchildren are Starr Grubb of Kendallville, Esa Wnetrzak of Fort Wayne, Mason Fulk, Melissa Heileman, Christian Heileman and Brenden Heileman, all of Kendallville. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter, Deborah K. Schlotterback.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, and one hour prior to the service at church. The funeral service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the Lutheran Hour. To send a condolence or sign the online guest-book go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Patricia Shears

LEO — Patricia A. Shears, 64, died Friday evening at her home in Leo-Cedarville.

Private family services will be held.

Friends are invited to a celebration of Pat's life at the Cedar Creek Golf Club on Saturday at 7:30 pm.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Roy Merkling

KENDALLVILLE —Roy L. Merkling, Jr, 78, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Wilma Ulrich

ANGOLA — Wilma Jean Ulrich, 94, of Angola died Saturday Aug. 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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‘Jessy’ Gustin, 8, loved the water

BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT — “Jessy would just light up the room whenever she walked in,” Fred Gustin said of his daughter.

Jesslynn “Jessy” Gustin, 8, died Aug. 3 from carbon-monoxide poisoning, which occurred while she was riding in a boat on Roush Lake in Huntington County the day before.

“It was just a normal day at the lake,” Gustin said of the fateful chain of events. “Everything we did that day, we had done before.”

He and his daughters, Jazmin “Jazzy,” 10, and Jessy often made the trip to Roush Lake to enjoy water sports with Gustin’s brother, of Fort Wayne, who owns the boat.

“It was the same boat we used for the past five years. We would take it out every weekend and hit the lakes,” he said.

They would spend the day tubing, wakeboarding, surfing and skiing, “you name it,” he said. “Jessy loved everything to do with water. That was all we would do.”

That particular Sunday, the waters were busy with other boaters, so Gustin maneuvered their boat to a shallow area past a bridge to get out of the wake.

Five young girls were seated in the same area at the rear of the boat as it idled in water about 3 feet deep, he said.

“Ten minutes prior, Jessy was swimming and having a great time. Two minutes earlier, I was talking to her,” said Gustin.

One of the cousins yelled, “Jessy fell in the lake and is drowning!”

In such shallow water and knowing his daughter was a good swimmer, Fred Gustin didn’t get excited immediately.

“It took me a second — I thought they were messing with me — it wasn’t like the kids not to do that,” he said.

Gustin stood up and didn’t see Jessy. In a matter of 10 seconds, six people were in the lake, looking for her in the clear waters.

“I want to say within 30 seconds — it felt like an eternity — I found her and pulled her out of the water. And I froze. I didn’t know what to do.

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Jesslyn Gustin

“My brother grabbed her and began CPR. She had a pulse and began coughing up some things from lunch a couple hours before,” Gustin said.

In a matter of 5 to 10 minutes, the boat returned to the shore, where friends assisted them until medics from Huntington County EMS arrived on the scene. Emergency workers lost Jessy’s pulse for a short time, and then it returned about 15-20 minutes later. At the same time, a rescue helicopter had landed and remained on standby to take her to the hospital.

“All those guys, it was blood, sweat and tears trying to get my daughter alive. They tried their hardest,” Gustin said.

The pilot told Gustin to go to Parkview Hospital’s main campus in Fort Wayne.

“We made a 25-minute trip out of a 40-minute drive,” he said.

When he arrived, hospital staff told Gustin his daughter’s vital signs were stable, but a CT scan showed massive brain swelling. By morning, results were the same, confirming that no blood was circulating in her brain.

Gustin and Jessy’s mother, who resides in Ohio, had chosen for her to become an organ donor, so Jessy remained on life support until the procedure could be done.

“But her organs started shutting down and threw out some kind of acids that destroyed all her organs,” Gustin said. “We were only able to donate her heart valves.”

Gustin is unable to explain why the boat engine’s fumes affected Jessy, when those next to her were not harmed.

“We had Jazzy tested while we were at the hospital, and she was just fine,” said Gustin.

“I had life insurance on Jessy through work, but my brother had begun selling insurance, and I actually took the kids off of (that policy) the month before to have my brother put insurance on them through his company — but it just never happened,” Gustin said.

The school year was about to begin, so he used the money for the insurance premium to buy school clothes, intending to begin the policy soon thereafter.

“Who thinks their child will need life insurance at 8 years old?” he said of his decision to wait a few weeks on the purchase.

Although he has no clue as to the total of the hospital charges, Gustin said his medical insurance covers 80 percent of the cost. With funeral expenses and life-flight costs, his out-of-pocket expenses will amount to some $15,000 to $20,000.

A group of parents and friends approached him about a benefit for the Gustin family to help with the expenses. A Web site, jesslynn-gustin.com, offers more information about the fundraiser.

“I am grateful for everything they are doing for us, but I am not looking for a handout. It would just take me longer to pay (all the bills) off,” Gustin said.

Gustin is a native of Woodburn. He and his daughters moved from Fort Wayne to Garrett last fall, so they could attend a smaller school. Jessy would have been a third-grader at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett this year.

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One dead in auto crash

BY BOB BRALEY
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TOPEKA — A Middlebury man was killed in a one-vehicle crash near Topeka Saturday evening, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department said Sunday.

Timothy David Stopper, 42, died at the scene at 3440 S. C.R. 900W, 51/2 miles northwest of Topeka, at 8:55 a.m. as a result of his injuries, according to LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney.

Stopper

Stopper was driving a Honda car northbound on C.R. 900W near C.R. 400S when the car collided head-on with a utility pole, deputies said. He was the lone occupant of the vehicle.

Coney said Stopper sustained head injuries that were the primary cause of death.

An investigation into Stopper's death continues pending the study of toxicology reports, which will take one to five weeks, Coney said.

Stopper was born in Goshen and had lived in Florida for many years before returning to northeast Indiana in 2005. He graduated from Sanford High School, Sanford, Fla. He was currently working at Kinro in Goshen. He had completed a 5,000-mile biking trip from Sanford to San Antonio, Texas, through Oklahoma and to Middlebury, then back to Sanford, camping along the way.

An obituary for Stopper appears on Page A4.

Timothy Stopper

MIDDLEBURY — Timothy David Stopper, 42, Middlebury died at 8:55 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at 3440 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, as the result of injuries from an automobile accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Middlebury Food Pantry c/o First Mennonite Church.

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Wilma Ulrich

ANGOLA — Wilma Jean Ulrich, 94, of Angola and formerly of Marion died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Ulrich

Mrs. Ulrich was a homemaker and a member of Angola Christian Church, where she was in the Ladies Bible Study and Ladies Lunch Bunch. She was also a member of the Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Steuben County Republican Women. She was a former member of the Marion United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 19, 1914, in Marion to Joel D. and Opal M. (Swinford) Barney, who preceded her in death. On Aug. 10, 1939, she married John H. "Jack" Ulrich, who preceded her in death in April 1991.

She loved spending time with her family. She was lovingly known as Nannan to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed playing in several bridge clubs and other games.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Gene Weicht of Angola; two grandsons and a granddaughter-in-law, John and Gretchen Weicht and Jeffrey Weicht, all of Angola; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Beth and Dave Lee of Angola; and six great-grandchildren, Jami, Joey, Holly, Breanna, Sami and Trevor.

Preceding her in death with her parents and husband was a brother, Jay Barney.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Marion National Cemetery, Marion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star and Angola Christian Church.

Arrangements handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Phyllis Reas

EDGERTON, Ohio — Phyllis M. Reas, 77, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 1:48 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at Community Hospitals ands Wellness Centers, Bryan, Ohio, where she had been admitted on Saturday.

Mrs. Reas

Mrs, Reas was a nurses' aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind., retiring with 31 years of service. She was an emergency medical technician at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and also was a charter member of the Butler E.M.S., serving for 12 years. She was a member of the Butler Eagles.

She was born on Aug. 29, 1931, in Waterloo, Ind., the daughter of Clarence and Elva (Roose) Beard. She married Lavon A. Reas on Oct. 4, 1947, in Montpelier, Ohio, and he survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard "Jake" and Rosanne Reas of Hesperia, Mich., and Keith "Ike" and Beth Reas of Butler, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Dan Nickels of Edgerton; a stepdaughter and her husband, Carolyn and Lynn Myers, of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Inez and Robert Prosser of Wabash, Ind., and Beverly Davis of Butler; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Loren and Nina Beard of Ogdensburg, N.Y., Lloyd and Teresa Beard of Butler and David and Sue Beard of Spencerville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Colton Reas.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton. Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with Pastor Chri Mosley officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials in the name of Phyllis M. Reas may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Dorothy Bieber

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Alice Bieber, 82, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bieber

Mrs. Bieber was born in Toledo, Ohio, on Feb. 18, 1927, to the late James and Lena (Wilhelm) McIntire. She was raised on a farm in Lucas County, Ohio, and married Jack Ray Bieber on Feb. 27, 1946, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Monroe, Mich. Together, they farmed, raised hogs and feeder cattle on their farm near Fayette, Ohio, until 1972.

Later, Dorothy became the head cook at Ross Township School in Wood County, Ohio. She eventually went to work with Sauder's Farm and Craft Village in Archbold, Ohio, and managed the snack shop. Since living in Kendallville, Dorothy was employed years at Applebee's the past five, and really enjoyed her work as a hostess.

She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville where she was active in the United Methodist Women, administrative council and helping with funeral dinners.

Dorothy loved to crochet and she made many afghans and doilies for her family and friends. She was an avid flower gardener and had a "green thumb." She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and enjoyed bowling and playing slow pitch softball. She pitched up 'till age 55!

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Jack Bieber of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and Rollin Miller of Fayette, Ohio, Judy and Jerry Hooser of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Betty Bieber of Fayette; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

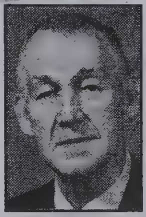
She was also preceded in death by a brother, Vernon McIntire and her sisters, Helen Dagelow and Margaret Ann Fryman.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ottawa Hills Memorial Cemetery in Ottawa Hills, Ohio. Casket-bearers will be her grandsons, John and Scott Miller, Brian, Michael and Steven Hooser, Brad, Chad and Paul Bieber.

To view a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arthur Mullins

WOLCOTTVILLE — Arthur Mullins, 86, of Wolcottville died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.


Mr. Mullins

Mr. Mullins was born in Hindman, Ky. on July 13, 1923, to Chester and Malbrie (Napier) Mullins. The Mullins family moved to the Stroh area in the 1940's and, as a young man, Arthur worked at his mother and father's grocery store, Mullins Grocery Store, in Stroh.

He served his country in the United States Army in Germany during WWII.

He married Louise Everage on Jan. 30, 1956, in Stroh and was employed with Kraft Foods in Kendallville for more than 26 years. He was a faithful member of the Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville where often attended worship services, and enjoyed visiting and talking with people. Art loved to go for walks in town, and sketch pictures by hand.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Louise Mullins of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Duke and Lorena Mullins of Stroh; four nieces; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents, two brothers, Hershell Mullins and infant Arnold Mullins; and a sister, Aileen Gilbert.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be there Wednesday at 11 a.m. with the Revs. Lee Combs and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

To view a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Roy Merkling Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Roy L. Merkling Jr., 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mr. Merkling

He moved to the area in 1947 from Chicago, Ill. Mr. Merkling was a 1950 graduate of Kendallville High School and a 1954 graduate of Purdue University. After graduating from college he served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. Following his military service he worked at his father's floor covering business in Chicago from 1956 to 1959. Roy then went to work for Flint and Walling Manufacturing in Kendallville as a mechanical engineer from 1959-1997.

Roy was a former member of the Kendallville Lions Club and involved in the Boy Scouts of America as an assistant scout leader. He was also a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

He was born on July 30, 1931, in Chicago to the late Roy L. and Louise C. (Schroeder) Merkling Sr. On Oct. 3, 1959, he married Ardelle V. Anderson in Chicago. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and a son-in-law, Ellen and Jay Ferguson of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Machele Merkling of Avilla and Edward and Bonni Merkling of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Adam Merkling, Zachary Merkling, Kathryn Merkling, Samuel Merkling and Carlee Merkling; a sister, Louanna M. Walb of LaGrange; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Norma Merkling of Bartlett, Ill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Pastors Sandy Hutchens and Tom McShannock officiating. Burial will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville; a military graveside service will be conducted by the Kendallville VFW. Pallbearers will be Thomas Merkling, Edward Merkling, Jay Ferguson, Paul Walb, and Jeff Merkling. Honorary pallbearers will be Paul and Matt Reichel, David Merkling and Ron Anderson.

Calling will be Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan St., LaGrange, from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

John Zwierko

FORT WAYNE — John Charles Zwierko, 84, died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Joan Mathues

AVILLA — Joan "Joey" Mathues, 51, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Veronica Fogg

KENDALLVILLE — Veronica Ann Fogg, 78, of Kendallville died on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Fogg was born in Romeo, Mich. on March 28, 1931, to the late Irvin and Nathalie (Roszczewski) Gill. She graduated from Dryden High School in 1949, attended beautician's school in Michigan and was a licensed beautician.

Mrs. Fogg

She married Max Fogg on Nov. 20, 1954, in Inaly City, Mich. Mrs. Fogg was a dedicated wife, mother and homemaker. Earlier in life, she was employed in food service at Clarkston High School in Michigan and at Kendallville Middle School.

Veronica was a faithful member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she was very active in various church activities and events. She was on the prayer chain, served in the eucharistic ministry, and volunteered many hours of service to others through the church.

She loved to play golf and was a member of the Lady Elks in Kendallville. She loved to cook and knit. Her family was very important to her and through the years she faithfully attended her son's and grandchildren's sporting and school events.

Survivors include her husband, Max Fogg of Kendallville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Christine Fogg of Waterford, Mich., Mike and Mary Fogg of Clarkston, Mich., Tim and Kate Fogg of Lake Orion, Mich., Brian and Kimberlee Fogg of Greenwood; 10 grandchildren, Michael Compton of Tampa, Fla., Christina and Angel Carratini of Sicily, Italy, Matthew and Nikki Fogg of Kokomo, Tracey Fogg of St. Ignace, Mich., Elizabeth Fogg of Waterford, Sarah Fogg of Waterford, Michael Fogg of Clarkston, Jacob Fogg of Lake Orion, and Andrew Fogg and Samantha Fogg, both of Greenwood; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, John Gill of Alpena, Mich., George Gill of Alpena and Irvin Gill of North Branch, Mich.; and a sister, Carol Mosher of Dryden, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Tony Gill, and a sister, Rose Marie Gill.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There is a rosary service at 8 p.m. with Fr. Edward Erpelding leading the rosary. No funeral services are scheduled.

Preferred Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

To view a video tribute by Tuesday send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 25, 2009, Tuesday

'Joey' Matheus

AVILLA — Joann L. "Joey" Matheus, age 51, of Avilla died on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at her home near Avilla.

Matheus

Mrs. Matheus was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on April 20, 1958, to Frank and Kathleen (Glasl) Busch.

She married Gary Matheus on April 8, 1988, in Waukesha.

Joey was employed for seven years with East Noble High School in food service and she enjoyed all the ladies she worked with in the cafeteria.

Joey was a dedicated wife and mother and she dearly loved her family.

She loved going to all of her kids games and events throughout their high school years.

She was very artistic and enjoyed decorating around the house for the holidays.

She found pleasure in tending to her flower gardens and enjoyed running her home printing business, Avilla Design & Print, which serviced many of the local sports teams and leagues.

Joey was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Matheus of Avilla; daughter, Katie Matheus of Avilla; son, Korey Matheus of Avilla; mother, Kathy Busch of Muskego, Wisconsin; sisters, Susie and Ron Wilkins of Sussex, Wisconsin, and Lynn and Don Olson of Waukesha, Wisconsin; and brothers, Jerry and Betsy Busch of Delafield, Wisconsin, and Brian "B.J." and Julie Busch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Michael Busch.

Visitation will be Friday, August 28, 2009, from 3-5 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. A memorial funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 5 p.m. at the church. Officiating the funeral service will be Father Edward Erpelding.

Preferred memorials are to Masses.

Assisting the family with arrangements is the Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lloyd Nusbaum

MIDDLEBURY — Lloyd E. Nusbaum, 53, of Middlebury died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be at noon Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. to noon Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Jean Foot

BUTLER — Jean Hatcher Foot, 94, of Butler and formerly of Winnetka, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Private services will be held.

Arrangements are pending with Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 25, 2009, Tuesday

Donna Morris

ANGOLA — Donna Belle Risk Stevens Morris, 90, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Morris had been a biology and physical education teacher at Angola High School.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and served as a district officer for the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Morris served as a volunteer naturalist for the National Park Service at Everglades National Park, was a longtime Girl Scout Leader, taught English to Vietnamese children at Jubilee Partners in Georgia and was a member of the Angola Garden Club.

She was born July 4, 1919, in Muncie to Don Cecil and Clara (Adams) Risk.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Max Stevens and Vic Morris.

Surviving are a son, Jay and Anita Stevens of Angola; five daughters, Janie Shirey of Edinburg, Pa., Judy and Tim Mekkes of Grandville, Mich., Jean and Dave Sweigart of Angola, Jo and Tim Crooks of Angola and Jackie Doran of Genoa, Wis.; a sister, Rosemary Colsten of Waco, Texas; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a grandson, Brin Stevens and two sons-in-law, Jim Shirey and Bob Doran.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Angola United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or to the donor's choice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Perry

SEBRING, Fla. — Richard "Dick" Perry, 85, of Sebring died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009.

Mr. Perry moved to the area in 1993 from Cromwell, Ind.

He retired from Sroufe Manufacturing in 1987.

Mr. Perry graduated from Wawaka High in 1942 and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II where he received several commendations.

He was a member of Spring Lake United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Post at Avon Park, Fla., and a former member of the American Legion Post at Albion, Ind.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Wilma; three daughters, Penny (Jim) Boss of LaGrange, Ind., Joy (Brad) Patrick of Ligonier, Ind., and Lisa (Richard) Porter of Goshen, Ind.; two stepsons, Ron (Cathy) Bruce of Kendallville, Ind., and Dennis (Debra) Bruce of Corunna, Ind.; one stepdaughter, Maxine (Ron) Hart of Lake of the Woods, Hudson, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four younger brothers.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday at Spring Lake United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Spring Lake United Methodist Church or Tidewell Hospice.

Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

On line condolences may be left at www.bankspagetheus.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Virginia DeCamp

ALBION — Virginia June DeCamp, 83, of rural Albion passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at midnight at the Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion. Mrs. DeCamp had been in declining health for the last two years.

Mrs. DeCamp was born on June 13, 1926, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to the late Alexis "Lex" and Jessie nee Speaker Juif. On October 20, 1945, she married Ervin L. "Junior" DeCamp at the E.U.B. Parsonage in Albion. Mr. DeCamp passed away on August 17, 1996.

Mrs. DeCamp was a lifetime Noble County resident except during her junior and senior years of high school her family resided in South Whitley, Indiana.

She was a Jefferson Township dairy farmer along with her husband, Junior. In her spare time she loved to raise calves, read and do embroidery work.

She was a member of the Noble County Extension Homemaker Club, the Rehoboth Missionary Church in rural Albion and was a 1944 graduate of the South Whitley High School.

Among her survivors are her daughter and son-in-law, Janeie and Paul Meyer of Churubusco; a son and daughter-in-law, James E. and Pam DeCamp of Albion; three grandchildren, Joe Meyer, Jeff Meyer and Kariann Norden; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, William "Bill" and Marcelle Juif of Wolcottville and Phillip and Ruth Juif of Goshen, Indiana.

Her husband, Junior DeCamp, and her parents preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be on Friday, August 28, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

The Rev. Doug Keenan and the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be additional calling one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be directed to the Noble County 4-H program or the Noble County Community Fair.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Donald Campbell

PLEASANT LAKE — Donald Campbell, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 at Woodward Rehabilitation in Bloomfield, Mich.

Services for Mr. Campbell are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Roger VanDyne

FREMONT — Roger D. VanDyne, 66, of Fremont died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab.

Mr. VanDyne was a native of Chicago, Ill.

Mr. VanDyne

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Roger loved his family and to be outdoors.

He was a member of the Ashley Independent Full Gospel Church.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Kathay VanDyne of Fremont; two daughters, Shawnee and Rick Likes of Angola and Angela Hartung of Chattanooga, Tenn.; six granddaughters, Miranda and Adam Curey, Cathrina Likes, La Crisha Perkins, Dominique Perkins, Tasha Hartung and Christine Kessler; a grandson, NaComa Perkins; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Ronald and Shirley VanDyne; and a sister-in-law, Mary Ellen VanDyne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gregory; his parents, Wayne and Anna; and a brother, John.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, at Ashley Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery near Orland.

Memorials are to the church.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Jean Foot

BUTLER — Jean Hatcher Foot, 94, formerly of Winnetka, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler where she had moved to be near her daughter.

Mrs. Foot

Jean was born on Feb. 15. 1915, in Detroit, Mich., to Florence Pulfer Hatcher and Leslie Clayton Hatcher.

She was the older sister of Thomas Clayton Hatcher and John Keighley Hatcher, both of whom have preceded her.

She grew up in Detroit and Grosse Pointe, graduating valedictorian from Grosse Pointe High School and attending University of Michigan where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Jean joined the American Red Cross in 1942 and served as the head of several Clubmobile Units that were attached to First Army Corps. After a year in England, her units followed the D-Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Jean was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service by Gen. Omar Bradley.

At the conclusion of hostilities, Jean was stationed in Bavaria where she met Robert Montayne Foot, her brother John's commanding officer. They later married in Chicago and moved to southern Indiana where their daughter, Christine, was born in 1950. Robert died in 1991.

In 1960, the family moved to Winnetka, Ill., where Jean resided for most of the remainder of her life.

She was active in Christ Church, Winnetka, Lawrence Hall and ran a successful business, Decoupage Unlimited with her partner, Glynn Taylor, for 15 years.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Christine and her husband Michael Heroy of Angola and four grandchildren, Christopher Clifton Heroy, Catherine Clayton Heroy, Andrew Montayne Heroy and Margaret Anne Heroy.

Memorials should be directed to the American Red Cross or the Breeden YMCA in Angola.

Private family services will be held in the fall in Winnetka, Ill.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Perry

SEBRING, Fla. — Richard "Dick" Perry, 85, of Sebring died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009.

Mr. Perry moved to the area in 1993 from Cromwell, Ind.

He retired from Sroufe Manufacturing in 1987.

Mr. Perry graduated from Wawaka High in 1942 and was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II where he received several commendations.

He was a member of Spring Lake United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Post at Avon Park, Fla., and a former member of the American Legion Post at Albion, Ind.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Wilma; three daughters, Penny (Jim) Boss of LaGrange, Ind., Joy (Brad) Patrick of Ligonier, Ind., and Lisa (Richard) Porter of Goshen, Ind.; two stepsons, Ron (Cathy) Bruce of Kendallville, Ind., and Dennis (Debra) Bruce of Corunna, Ind.; one stepdaughter, Maxine (Ron) Hart of Lake of the Woods, Hudson, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four younger brothers.

A memorial service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday at Spring Lake United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 8170 Cozumel Lane, Highway 98 South, Sebring, FL 33876 or Tidewell Hospice, 4151 37th St. E., Mendoza Road, Palmetto, FL 34220.

Banks/Page-Theus Funeral Home, Wildwood, Fla., is in charge of arrangements.

On line condolences may be left at www.bankspagetheus.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Dorothy Stalter

GARRETT — Dorothy M. Stalter, 85 of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She had worked at G.E. in Fort Wayne and was a greeter at Walmart in Auburn for many years.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose and the DAV.

She was born in Decatur on Sept. 10, 1923 to Emil and Louise (Savio) Kiefer.They have both passed away.

She married Dale W. Stalter on Oct. 18, 1941, in Fort Wayne. He died in August of 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry D. and Pat Stalter of Garrett; three grandsons, Eric Stalter of Garrett, Ken (Nicole) Stalter of Garrett and Brian (Tracey) Stalter of Garrett.

There are three great-grandchildren, Sammantha Stalter, Nicolas Stalter and Klarissa Stalter, and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Chelsi Maurer and Nick Gaumer.

Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Liz Kiefer of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband;a brother, Emil "Bud" Kiefer; and three sisters, Marie Shirley, Helen Beberstine and Ruth Kenworthy.

Private family services will take place with burial in Decatur Cemetery, Decatur.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with arrangements.

Erma Ramer

LAGRANGE — Erma M. Ramer, 91, of LaGrange died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Cosperville Cemetery near Wawaka.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfunerahome.com.

Frances LeBlanc

HUDSON — Frances Louise LeBlanc, 67, of Hudson and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at her home with her family by her side.

Mrs. LeBlanc

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Bryan and Katherine Tonkel.

She had been a floral designer at Westhaven Floral and Throop Florist and also drove school bus for East Allen County Schools.

Mrs. LeBlanc is survived by her husband of 21 years, Jean; two sons, Jeff Gerardot of Fort Wayne and Jarrod Gerardot of La Jolla, Calif.; and a brother, Les (Dorothy) Tonkel of Hayesville, N.C.

She was preceded in death by son, Jimmy Gerardot in 1979.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven, with Father James Seculoff officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven, with a rosary service at 2:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Christina Marie Kern, 41

WAWAKA – Christina Marie Kern, Age 41, of Wawaka, IN passed away unexpectedly August 18, 2009 at her residence.

She was born December 14, 1967 in Washington, DC. On March 12, 1988 she married Corey Kern, he survives.

Christina moved to the area in 1989 coming from Iowa. She had performed as a professional Ballerina with the Washington & Omaha Ballets. Christina worked for the last 6 years at Jeld-Wen in Ligonier.

Survivors include her husband, Corey Kern of Wawaka, IN; one son, Corey (Natasha) Kern II of Evansville, IN; one daughter, Alicia Kern of Wawaka, IN; her parents, Jacob and Dana Raitt of Laurel, MD; one brother, Jacob Raitt II of Baltimore, MD; two sisters, Hope Raitt of Philadelphia, PA, and Jennifer (Tim) Macklin of Black Rock, CT.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday August 22, 2009 at 2 PM at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, IN with Pastor Byron Kaiser officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Central Maryland Chorale-PO BOX 698 Laurel, MD 20725

Colleen Olinger, 44

FORT WAYNE – Colleen "Co" Olinger, 44, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born in Kendallville. She is survived by her daughter, Megan Olinger of Fort Wayne; parents, Carl and Charleen Donley of Fort Wayne; brothers, Christopher Donley of Fort Wayne, and Craig (Jalene) Donley of Las Vegas, NV.

Service was at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Services of Allen County. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Nedra R. McEowen, 91

COLUMBIA CITY – Nedra R. McEowen, age 91, a former resident of Columbia City in Smith Township, died Sunday morning August 9, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had lived for the past four and one half years as a resident in Renaissance Village Nursing Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Nedra was born May 31, 1918 in Cecil, Ohio a daughter of the late John A. and Cora Anna (Byers) Glander. As a young woman she worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne, and moved to Smith Twp in 1954. She was united in marriage in Fort Wayne on July 23, 1939 to Hubert McEowen. Mr. McEowen preceded her in death on January 26, 1977.

Nedra was an avid lover of music, playing the piano, organ, and violin. She loved pets and bird watching, and was a former member of the Smith Twp. Home Extension Club.

Her survivors include her children Wanda (Earl) Howell of Columbia City, Juanita (Jerry) Miller of Hoagland, Marcia (Mark) Hollopeter of Mason, Michigan, David W. (Vonda) McEowen of Columbia City, Dr. Edwin L. (Mary Jo) McEowen of Columbia City, and Roger A. (Jean) McEowen of Ankeny, Iowa. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband; she was preceded in death by an infant brother Edward Glander, and by a sister Mary Smith.

Funeral services were held in the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Paul D. White officiating.

Burial followed in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Margaret Wilson, 88

COLUMBIA CITY – Margaret "Grandma" Wilson, 88, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township, died at 12:30 a. m. on Thursday, August 20, 2009, at the home of her son north of Larwill following an extended illness.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Fort Wayne on February 27, 1921, a daughter of Clem F. and Margaret Edith (Wolford) Neher. She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from North Side High School in 1939.

On December 7, 1940 she was married to Howard W. Wilson, and had lived at her present home in Smith Township in Whitley County for the past 61 years.

A 34 year employee of Sprint, she had worked there as a telephone operator, and retired in 1981 as an executive secretary. She was later employed at McDonald's in Churubusco, and was affectionately remembered as "Grandma" to the staff and patrons there.

She attended the Churubusco United Methodist Church, and in her leisure time enjoyed needle work, quilting, reading, ceramics, fishing and also enjoyed traveling.

Mr. Wilson preceded her in death unexpectedly on July 2, 1981.

The surviving relatives include her children Pamela Hinrichs and Cynthia A. (David) Crooks, both of Churubusco, James L. (Ann) Wilson of Decatur, Carl A. (Bonnie) Wilson of Larwill, Kenneth E. (Lana) Wilson and Keith E. Wilson, both of Pierceton, Jon H. (Cheri) Wilson of Spencerville, and Kevin P. (Sharon) Wilson of Philadelphia, Penn; 34 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister Naomi Parks; two brothers Jim Neher and Eugene Neher; and by two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev Corinne K. Boruff, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Wilson's memory, please click on "Condolences" below. .

Von DeWayne Bridegram, 72

Von DeWayne Bridegam, 72, of Columbia City, passed away at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he recently underwent surgery.

Born on July 21, 1937 in Whitley County, he was the son of Carl Marion and Loretta Blondena (Armel) Bridegam.

Von spent his childhood in Columbia City and attended Columbia City High School.

On July 13, 1963, he was united in marriage to Karen L. Hippensteel at First Church of God by Reverend Alvin Link.

A lifetime farmer, he was employed for 40 years as a threader by Viking, Inc., Columbia City.

His memberships included FFA in high school and Whitley County 4-H Clubs.

Survivors include his wife, Karen L. Bridegam of Columbia City; children, Lavonne L. (Verlin) Schneider of Roanoke, Alan D. (Victoria) Bridegam of Kendallville, Marion G. (Julie) Bridegam of Edinburg, Pa, Toby N. (Terri) Bridegam of Ossian, Andrew J. Bridegam of Columbia City and Jon W. (Wendy) Bridegam of Albion; grandchildren, Joshua and Mitchel Schneider, Tara Whan, Landon Fitzgerald, Chelsye, Bradyn, Loretta, Kristy, Keesia, Tiarra, Robert and Wyatt Bridegam; brother, Marvin David (Ellen) Bridegam of Columbia City; sisters, Garnet (Jack) Pettigrew of Columbia City, Patricia (Paul) Gates of Columbia City, Irene (Cliff) Gagnon of Leesburg and Aletha (Paul) Sills of Fort Wayne; sisters-in-law, Lois Bridegam of Columbia City and Karen Bridegam of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Paul Marion, Thomas Ray and Harold Eugene Bridegam and sister-in-law, Lella Bridegam.

Services were held August 24, 2009 at Demoney-Grimes Funeral Home. Pastor Lynn English officiated.

Burial took place at Thorn Cemetery, Noble County.

Memorials may be given in memory of Von to Boy Scout Troop 509.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 26, 2009, Wednesday

Joann L. Matheus, 51

AVILLA – Joann L. "Joey" Matheus, age 51, of Avilla, died on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at her home near Avilla.

Mrs. Matheus was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on April 20,1958 to Frank and Kathleen (Glasl) Busch.

She married Gary Matheus on April 8, 1988 in Waukesha.

Joey was employed for 7 years with East Noble High School in food service and she enjoyed all the ladies she worked with in the cafeteria.

Joey was a dedicated wife and mother and she dearly loved her family. She loved going to all of her kids games and events throughout their high school years.

She was very artistic and enjoyed decorating around the house for the holidays.

She found pleasure in tending to her flower gardens and enjoyed running her home printing business, Avilla Design & Print, which serviced many of the local sports teams and leagues.

Joey was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Survivors include: her husband, Gary Matheus of Avilla; Daughter, Katie Matheus of Avilla; son, Korey Matheus of Avilla; mother, Kathy Busch of Muskego, Wisconsin; two sisters, Susie (Ron) Wilkins of Sussex, Wisconsin, Lynn (Don) Olson of Waukesha, Wisconsin; two brothers, Jerry (Betsy) Busch Delafield, Wisconsin, Brian "B.J." (Julie) Busch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Michael Busch.

Visitation will be Friday, August 28, 2009, from 3:00-5:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

A Memorial Funeral Mass will follow the visitation at 5:00 pm at the church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. Edward Erpelding.

Preferred Memorials are to masses.

Assisting the family with arrangements is the Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Virginia June De Camp, 83

ALBION - Virginia June De Camp, 83, of rural Albion passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 25th, 2009 at the Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion. Mrs. De Camp had been in declining health for the last two years.

Mrs. De Camp was born on June 13th, 1926 in Jefferson Township, Noble County to the late Alexis "Lex" and Jessie nee Speaker Juif. On October 20th, 1945 she married Ervin L. "Junior" De Camp at the E.U.B. Parsonage in Albion, Mr. De Camp passed away on August 17th, 1996.

Mrs. De Camp was a lifetime Noble County resident except her Junior and Senior year her family resided in South Whitley, Indiana. She was a Jefferson Township dairy farmer along with her husband Junior. In her spare time she loved to raise calves, read and do embroidery work.

She was a member of the Noble County Extension Homemaker Club, the Rehoboth Missionary Church in Rural Albion and was a 1944 graduate of the South Whitley High School.

Among her survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Janeie (Paul) Meyer of Churubusco; one son and daughter-in-law, James E. (Pam) De Camp of Albion; three grandchildren, Joe Meyer, Jeff Meyer and Kariann Norden. two step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers and sister- in-laws, William "Bill" (Marcelle) Juif of Wolcottville and Phillip (Ruth) Juif of Goshen, Indiana.

Her husband, Junior De Camp and her parents preceded her in death. Funeral services will be on Friday, August 28th, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, Indiana 46701. Rev. Doug Kennan and Rev. Gerald Ringenberg will officiate.

Burial will follow at the Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 27th, 2009 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. There will be additional calling one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Noble County 4-H program or the Noble County Fair. To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 27, 2009, Thursday

Lucille Thieme

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lucille L. Thieme, 99, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2009 at Masonville House, Coldwater.

Graveside funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 at Wilson Cemetery outside Coldwater. Arrangements by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Kenneth Gross

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth E. Gross, 77, of North Manchester and formerly of Churubusco died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 9:30-10:45 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Blue River Church of the Brethren, Timbercrest Senior Living Community or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 28, 2009, Friday

Mary Bowman

MONGO — Mary C. Bowman, 57, of Mongo, Ind., lost her eight-year battle with cancer on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at her residence.

Living her lifetime in LaGrange County, she was a homemaker and a babysitter at her home.

Mrs. Bowman

Mary was a former mayor of Mongo and was very active in the community.

She was a member of the Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo United Methodist Women, a Youth Choir director, Sunday School teacher and Mission coordinator at the church.

Mary was also a member of the Mongo Community Development Association and worked with Relay for Life.

Mrs. Bowman was born on May 23, 1952, in LaGrange, Ind., to Ernest A. and Della (Bell) Rhinesmith. They survive in Mongo.

She married Duane Bowman III on July 3, 1970, in Mongo. He survives in Mongo.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shanan and Jamie Staton of Mongo, Brittny and Tyler Cooley of Michigan City, Ind., and Nicolette Byers of Mongo; a son and his fiancee, Brandon Bowman and Suzanne Krontz of Mongo; four granddaughters, Caterina, Isabella, Hannah and McKenna; a sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda and James Bartlett of LaGrange, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sherryl Rhinesmith of Wolcottville, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Debra K. Miller, on June 5, 1993.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo, Ind., with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery in Mongo.

Visitation will be today, August 28, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at the Mongo United Methodist Church in Mongo.

Memorials may be given to Mongo United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Georgeanna Blecha

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Georgeanna Barr Blecha, 93, of Long Beach died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Country Villas in Bellemont Heights.

Burial will be Saturday in Forest Lawn Cemetery at Long Beach.

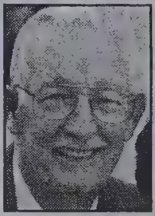
Calling will be today at Luyben Family Mortuary, 5161 East Arbor Road in Long Beach.

Donald Campbell

ANGOLA — Donald E. Campbell, 87, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009.

Mr. Campbell had been a purchasing agent at Ward Food Co. in Detroit, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.


Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell was a member of St. Paul's United Brethren Church in Ferndale, Mich.

He was born June 22, 1922, in Pleasant Lake, Ind., to Fred and Esther (McEntarfer) Campbell.

He married Wanda Swift on June 29, 1946. She survives in Rochester Hills.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, George and Peggy Campbell of Fenton, Mich.; two daughters, Linda Maiullo and her husband Joseph Maiullo III, of Dearborn, Mich., and Diane Patlewicz of Rochester Hills; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Dale Campbell.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jon Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Howard Porter

KENDALLVILLE — Howard Porter, 62, passed away Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Porter

Born in Townsend, Mont., he was a retired member of the U.S. Navy for 22 years and a proud Vietnam veteran who served his country.

After his retirement, he was a truck driver with DGI Trucking for nine years.

He was a wonderful, loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Adelma Porter of Kendallville; four daughters, Wendy Porter of Churubusco, Heather (Joe) Williams of Kendallville, Holly (Chris) Prater of LaOtto, and Amber (Steve) Roberts of Auburn; grandchildren, Grace Roberts, Eden Roberts, Mia Roberts, Hudson Roberts and Emma Porter; a brother, George "Mike" (Keeley) Porter of Wasilla, Alaska; and many brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Melva May Porter.

Service is 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling one hour prior. Rev. Michael Thatcher Jr. will be officiating.

Calling also will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Ruth Steele

ANGOLA — Ruth Elizabeth Steele, 78, of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Steele had worked at EMF Corp. in Angola.

Mrs. Steele

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 23, 1920, in Scranton, Pa., to Amos and Eva (Beauman) Hurd. She married Reginal Clifford Steele Sr. on Dec. 28, 1948. He died Dec. 3, 2004.

Surviving are seven sons, John Steele of St. Paul, Minn., Wayne Steele of Maccomb, Mich., Reginald C. "Buzzy" Steele Jr. of Angola, Reed Steele of Northwood, Ohio, Rory Steele of Prospect, Tenn., Edward Steele of Albion and Brian Steele of Indianapolis.

Also, seven daughters, Linda Baxter of Mesa, Ariz., Reginna Campbell of Angola, Patricia Kinney of Corodoba, Argentina, Sandra Howe of Pleasant Lake, Barbara Steele of Payson, Ariz., Roberta Jolin of Angola and Wanda Dilley of Ashley; 47 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Eugene Steele in 1977; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Audubon Society.

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Denton Bryant

FORT WAYNE — Denton Alan Bryant, 4 months, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at his home in Fort Wayne.

He was born April 25, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn to Curtis and Samantha (Harrell) Bryant. They both survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Faith Michelle Harrell; his maternal grandparents, Suzanne and Timothy Hullinger, and Tom Barnes; his paternal grandparents, Randy and Gail Williams, Mike Books, and Carlene and Larry Holtsclaw; his maternal great-grandparents, Dorsey and Mary Robinson; his paternal great-grandparents, Phillip Bryant, and Ora Bryant; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Roger Robinson.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Friday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Denton Bryant Memorial Garden in care of Curtis Bryant.

Lucille Thieme

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lucille L. Thieme, 99, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Aug. 25, 2009, at Masonville House in Coldwater.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Wilson Cemetery outside Coldwater.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.beamsfuneralhome.ccm.

Roger VanDyne

FREMONT — Memorial services for Roger D. VanDyne, 66, of Fremont will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ashley Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery near Orland.

Mr. VanDyne died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab.

Memorials are to the church.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Herman Osterholt

CHURUBUSCO — Herman H. Osterholt, 81, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009 at the family residence at Lake Everett.

Funeral arrangements are being completed at the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. On-line condolences can be left for the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net

Jerome Lachanski

GLENDALE HEIGHTS, Ill. — Jerome "Harry" Lachanski, 82, of Windsor Park Manor, and formerly of Wolcottville, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at Glen Oaks Medical Center in Glendale Heights, Ill.

Visitation will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Brust Funeral Home, 415 N. Gary Ave., Carol Stream, Ill. A memorial service will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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Robert Shirely

ASHLEY — Robert M. Shirely, 54, died at 8:35 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Shirely had formerly worked at Covington Box Co. in Waterloo.

He was born March 13, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Alfred and Joyce (Espich) Shirely. His father is deceased and his mother, Joyce Shirely Jackson, survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dana Shirely of Auburn, and three brothers, Alfred Shirely of Fort Wayne, Ernest Shirely of Fort Wayne and Ronald Shirely of Ashley.

Also preceding him in death was a sister, Mary Wicker, and a brother, Mark Shirely.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson with Justin Smoot officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Charles Wood

GARRETT — Charles E. Wood, 64, of Garrett died at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Wood was a supervisor at Garrett Flexible Products and Rubber Data Engineering in Garrett for 45 years, retiring in 2006.

He was an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan.

He was born Dec. 19, 1944, in Glomaur, Ky., to Richard and Chloe (Pickett) Wood and they preceded him in death. He married Georgia Gamble on March 23, 1963, in Scuddy, Ky., and she survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Jerald McBride of Garrett; a son, Charles E. Wood Jr. of Garrett; five grandchildren, Megan Ann McBride of Garrett, Tristan Elizabeth McBride of Auburn, Carley Rose McBride of Garrett, Chad Richard Wood of Garrett and Zachary Edward Wood of Garrett; and a great-grandson, Jarix Michael Wood of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Howard Pickett and Eugene Wood; and three sisters, Carol Gamble, LaVern Harmon and Joyce Ann Lee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor David Mix officiating.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

A graveside service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Woodstock Cemetery, Eubank, Ky.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Lanora Binstock

LIGONIER — Lanora Alice Binstock, 75, of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at the Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Binstock was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Salvator and Mary (Banning) Valenziano. They are deceased.

She was married for 41 years to Dale L. Binstock. He survives.

She retired from the Oak Leaf Village Nursing Home when it closed. At the time of her retirement, she had been the housekeeping supervisor for 13 years.

She was a member of the Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Binstock; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanine and Richard Byall; a granddaughter, Jill Byall ; two brothers, Salvator Valenziano and Martin Valenziano, both of Florida; and two sisters, Verna Weichel of Florida and Patricia Valenziano of Illinois.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Pasquale, Chester and Nicholas Valenziano, and a sister, Rosemary Wagner

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial Mass will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Memorials may be directed to the Center for Cancer Care.

The Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Adam Steglich

SHIPSHEWANA — Adam Daniel Steglich, 17, of Shipshewana died at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at the scene of a motorcycle accident at the intersection of S.R. 120 and C.R. 43 Middlebury.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Burial will be in the Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Westside Football Club, Shipshewana. Condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Herman Osterholt

CHURUBUSCO — Herman H. Osterholt, 81, a resident of Lake Township in Allen County, died at 7:30 a. m. Thursday, August 27, 2009, at the family residence at Lake Everett.

Services will be Monday at 2 p. m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Interment will be in the Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p. m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary service at 6 p. m.

Memorials are to Masses or to Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

To leave a condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

Mary Jane Brand

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Jane Brand, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center where she had resided the past five years.

Mrs. Brand

Mrs. Brand had moved to Kendallville in 1959, coming from Avilla.

She was treasurer of Brand's Car Wash in Kendallville, which she and her husband, Chuck, owned for 40 years. She had also worked at the Auburn Rubber Co., General Electric in Fort Wayne, in the office of the Avilla High School, and as a proofreader for The News Sun.

Mrs. Brand graduated from Avilla High School in 1940. She had attended Charmaine Finishing School in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, where she taught Sunday school and Bible school for many years, and was a past member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born June 27, 1922, in Swan Township, Noble County, Ind., to Fred and Hazel (Graber) Crothers. On May 18, 1941, she married Charles "Chuck" Brand. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dennis and Susie Brand of Big Long Lake, Mike and Debbie Brand of Kendallville and Joe Brand of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Doug Davis of Kendallville; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Cleo Mark of Avilla and Martha Ringler of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Pauline Crothers of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clifford Crothers, and a sister, Patty Croy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiaing. Private burial services will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, 125 Cherry St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel in Kendallville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Vernon Hullinger

BUTLER — Vernon L. Hullinger, 84, passed away at his home on August 27, 2009.

He was born in Fort Pierce, South Dakota, on December 2, 1924, to Elmer and Ruth (Winchell) Hullinger.

Vernon moved with his family to Indiana from South Dakota in 1939.

He was a loving, devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He drove truck for 47 years and retired from Automatic Sprinkler in Monroe, Indiana, in 1987.

Vernon was a member of Teamsters Local 414.

He was an avid fan of Gene Autry and Major League Baseball.

He married his wife of 65 years Annabell Oberlin Hullinger on January 15, 1944.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Gene L. Hullinger of Weatherford, Texas, Jerry W. Hullinger of Edgerton, Ohio, and Jimmie L. Hullinger of St. Joe, Indiana; a daughter, Shirley K. Hullinger of Fort Wayne, Indiana; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Allen Hullinger of Butler, Eldon Hullinger of Fort Wayne and Frank Hullinger of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents two brothers, Harold "Pete" Hullinger and Donald Dean Hullinger; two sisters, Myrtle Henderson and Nyla Hullinger; and a grandson, Mitchell V. Hullinger.

Funeral services for Vernon L. Hullinger will be Monday, August 31, 2009, at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with calling Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Anita Cusick

WATERLOO — Anita C. Cusick, 73, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at her home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Cusick worked at Essex in Auburn, Ball Brass Foundry and Artistic Cartons before retiring on April 30, 1998.

She was born April 9, 1936, in East Palestine, Ohio, to Alfred J. and Leona M. (Marshall) Morey. They are both deceased. She married James J. Cusick on May 22, 1954, in East Palestine. He died July 3, 1998.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, James A and Lori Cusick of Waterloo and Gary B. Cusick of Waterloo; two daughters and son-in-laws, Brenda and J.J. Bowers of Waterloo and Cheryl and Howard Richardson of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara R Cusick of Lisbon, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a son Timothy C. Cusick and a grandson Robert Richardson.

Private family graveside services will take place at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Ruth Steele

ANGOLA — Ruth Elizabeth Steele, 78, of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Steele

Mrs. Steele had worked at EMF Corp. in Angola.

She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born Oct. 23, 1930, in Scranton, Pa., to Amos and Eva (Beauman) Hurd. She married Reginal Clifford Steele Sr. on Dec. 28, 1948. He died Dec. 3, 2004.

Surviving are seven sons, John Steele of St. Paul, Minn., Wayne Steele of Maccomb, Mich., Reginald C. "Buzzy" Steele Jr. of Angola, Reed Steele of Northwood, Ohio, Rory Steele of Prospect, Tenn., Edward Steele of Albion and Brian Steele of Indianapolis; seven daughters, Linda Baxter of Mesa, Ariz., Reginna Campbell of Angola, Patricia Kinney of Corodoba, Argentina, Sandra Howe of Pleasant Lake, Barbara Steele of Payson, Ariz., Roberta Jolin of Angola and Wanda Dilley of Ashley; 47 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Eugene Steele in 1977; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Audubon Society.

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Morris put love of nature to work

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Donna Morris didn't have the typical start for a woman who fell in love with nature, daughter Janie Shirey said.

"She grew up in the city of Muncie, near the river and the city dump," Shirey said. "She had this .22-caliber rifle that she'd sometimes take over to the dump and shoot rats with. She grew up a tom-boy and she always was a tom-boy."

Morris, 90, died Aug. 13 in Angola.

Morris' son, Jay Stevens, said his mother originally came to Angola to teach at Angola High School, which she did for a year, before meeting and marrying her husband, Max Stevens.

Shirey said her mother had been working at a summer camp when she met her father. Although she left teaching after just one year, Stephens said his mother didn't really stop teaching. She taught Sunday school at Angola United Methodist Church and was heavily involved with the local Girl Scouts.

Scouting was a major part of Morris' life for many years. Stephens said his mother wasn't able to be involved with Scouting in her youth.

"There were no Scout troops in her part of town," he said. "So she wrote to them and they let her be a 'lone Scout.' So she worked on merit badges and things on her own, and through the mail. Eventually, she was able to get a troop started."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Donna Morris of Angola spent much of her life celebrating her love of nature. Morris volunteered at national parks as aguide and served as a board member of the McClue Nature Preserve.

When she came to Angola, Morris became heavily involved with area Scouts, acting as as scout leader, including starting a troop for students at the predecessor to R.I.S.E., the Community Sheltered Workshop.

Stephens said his mother became fascinated by nature early in life.

"She had a teacher who was very interested in birds and she'd take students out bird-watching. That got her into nature. Scouting was a way to get involved with those pursuits," he said.

Shirey said her mother would often take her children out for bird-watching expeditions.

"She would take us out to the woods to look for warblers."

Morris was one of the original board members for the McClue Nature Preserve on C.R. 400N, east of Wing Haven Nature Preserve and Pokagon State Park. Stevens said the family spent a good deal of time out at the preserve, helping develop it.

"We worked out there putting in trails and planting trees," Stevens said. "She always shared her love of nature with all of her children."

Later in her life, when she began wintering in Florida, Morris began volunteering at Everglades National Park.

"She fell in love with the place," Stephens said. "After my father passed away, she started volunteering there as a guide."

Shirey said her mother was an inspiration to her, and she began her own volunteer work at Big Cypress National Park.

"She was instrumental in steering me into that. My husband and I visited her while she was volunteering. A lot of what I've done in my life has been following in her footsteps," Shirey said.

Stephens said his mother was heavily involved in a number of other efforts as well, making a trip to Africa for Habitat for Humanity, and working with Cambodian refugees.

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Robert Shirely

ASHLEY — Robert M. Shirely, 54, died at 8:35 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Shirely had formerly worked at Covington Box Co. in Waterloo.

He was born March 13, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Alfred and Joyce (Espich) Shirely. His father is deceased and his mother, Joyce Shirely Jackson, survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dana Shirely of Auburn, and three brothers, Alfred Shirely of Fort Wayne, Ernest Shirely of Fort Wayne and Ronald Shirely of Ashley.

Also preceding him in death was a sister, Peggy Sue Wicker, and a brother, Mark Shirely.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Hudson with Justin Smoot officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Marianna Rist

GARRETT — Marianna Rist, 94, of Evans, Ga., formerly of Garrett, died at 6:26 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at Westwood Nursing Facility in Evans, Ga.

She worked as a housekeeper at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett for 12 years before retiring in 1964. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Garrett, Rosary Society and the Harvest House.

On March 27, 1915, in Militisch, Yugoslavia, she was born to Jacob and Veronica (Ivanovich) Schnepf. She married Peter Rist in 1933 in Militisch, Yugoslavia. He preceded her in death in 1944.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Liz" and Stanley Greenberg, North Augusta, S.C.; six grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

In lieu of flowers memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or St. Martin's Health Clinic.

Condolences may be sent online or to sign the online register go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Joyce Dice

HUNTERTOWN — Joyce C. Dice, 75, of Eel Township, Allen County, near Huntertown, died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Christ's Hope Church, 2818 Carroll Road, with Pastor Erick Riddle officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Christ's Hope Church.

Condolences may be sent online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

James Codling

GARRETT — James E. Codling, 80, of Garrett, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2009.

A memorial service will be Thursday, Sept. 3, with calling from 5-6 p.m. Military honors will be presented by the Garrett American Legion and VFW at the end of the services at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

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Edward Lumm

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO — Edward D. "Ed" Lumm, 77, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, died unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at his home.

He was born Sept. 8, 1931, in LaGrange, Ind. to Clarence and Roxie (Wells) Lumm.

The 1949 graduate of LaGrange High School and 1952 business graduate of Defiance College in Ohio was a member of the Methodist Church. Ed proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines from 1954-1956.

Ed began his career as an Internal Auditor with Ohio Bell where he worked for 30 years, retiring from Bell Telecommunications. Thereafter, he served as an auditing consultant with Necca.

Ed maintained his membership as a Certified Internal Auditor, and was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Upon retirement, Ed and his wife Joan moved to Mount Vernon, Ohio in 1999, where he served as President of the Waters Edge Homeowners' Association.

They loved to travel, and enjoyed the company of friends and family nationwide.

Ed was an avid reader, historian and fan of the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns and The Ohio State University football team.

He is survived by his wife Joan R. (McDaniel) Lumm, whom he married on Sept. 13, 1952; their son and daughter-in-law, Charles D. and Frances Lumm, Shoreline, Wash.; his sister-in-law, Kay McDaniel; niece, Pam (Gary) Martin; nephew, Wayne A. McDaniel; and numerous cousins.

His parents and brother-in-law, Don McDaniel, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind., at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, PO Box 163549, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Online condolences can be sent to www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

The Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home in Mount Vernon is in charge of arrangements.

Curtis Maynard

GOSHEN — Curtis D. "Tom" Maynard, 43, of Goshen, died at 5:21 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Services will be at noon Tuesday, Sept. 1, at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. with Rev. Paul Maynard officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Hillcrest Cemetery, Rt. 75, Kenova, W. Va. with Dr. Donald Crisp officiating.

Calling will be Monday, Aug. 31, from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Curtis D. Maynard Funeral Fund c/o Owen Family Funeral Home. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Gay Henkle

FREMONT — Gay Lynn Henkle, 57, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at her Fremont home.

Mrs. Henkle

She worked as a machine operator with Superior Linkage/Tuthill Corporation for 19 1/2 years, retiring in 1990, and she was a seamstress. She was former secretary of Pokagon Meadows Association, and recording secretary of IUE-CWA Union Superior Linkage, New Haven.

She was born in Kansas City, Mo.

Surviving are her husband, Gary W. Henkle, Fremont; father, Howard Davis, Bremen; stepmother, Margaret Davis, Bremen; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Anthony and Kimberly Henkle, Garrett, and Christopher T. Henkle, Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Michael Shuler, Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; seven brothers; and four sisters.

Her mother, Wanda Davis, preceded her in death.

Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Ron Hyer officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Services.

To sign the online guestbook go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Paul Jordan

FREMONT — Paul H. Jordan, 71, of Fremont died Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 at his Fremont home.

Mr. Jordan

Mr. Jordan was president, CEO and former owner of G & S super Abrasives, Angola. He moved to Angola in 1979 and lived outside Fremont since 1994.

He enjoyed the outdoors. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Urbana, Ohio, to Henry and Ruby (Queen) Jordan, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 20, 1968 he married Judy, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Chrystal and Joe Mayer of New Albany, Ohio, and Michelle and David Smith of Lena, Ohio; three sons and to daughters-in-law, Michael and Lisa Jordan of Angola, Sherman and Sandra Moody of Manchester, Md., and Harold Moody of San Antonio, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Joseph, Kathryn and John Mayer, Tim Caccia, Christina Smith, Anna and Abigail Jordan, Allison and Christopher Moody, and Jessica Wade; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her parents were a granddaughter, Kendra, and a grandson, Jeremy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

James Codling

GARRETT — James E. Codling, 80, of Garrett, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2009.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday with calling from 5-6 p.m. Military honors will be presented by the Garrett American Legion and VFW at the end of the services at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 1, 2009, Tuesday

Phyllis Ott

CHURUBUSCO — Phyllis G. Ott, 79, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Glen D. Ott, died at 1:40 p.m. on Sunday, August 30, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past month.

Mrs. Ott

Mrs. Ott was born on August 7, 1930, in Wolf Lake, a daughter of Melvin and Esther (Miller) Bender. She spent her formative years in Wolf Lake and Albion, and graduated from Albion High School in 1948.

Following her high school graduation, she was married in Wolf Lake to Glen D. Ott on May 28, 1948. The couple lived for a short period in Kimmell following their marriage, and spent much of their married life on the Ott family farm in Eel River Township in Allen County before moving to their present home near Churubusco in 1980.

A committed woman of faith and a church worker, she was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco. In addition to volunteering at her church in various capacities over the years, she served as its United Methodist Women's treasurer for many years. She loved and treasured her church, and was a loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother, and a friend to many.

The surviving relatives include her husband Glen, to whom she was married for more than 61 years; her three children, Judy (Roy) Langdon of Sheridan, Larry (Christina) Ott of Avilla, and Jerry A. (Pamela) Ott of Churubusco; a sister Bonnie (Hal) Stump of Kimmell; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Bender.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 3, 2009, at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

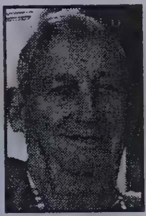
Interment will be in Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Ott's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Federspiel

NEW HAVEN — Richard L. Federspiel, 88, of Angola and formerly of New Haven died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, South Bend.


Mr. Federspiel

Mr. Federspiel had operated the Federspiel Blacksmith Shop in New Haven and had been employed at B.F. Goodrich. He retired from Goodrich in 1984.

He was a U.S. Navy Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Mr. Federspiel was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola and American Legion Post 330.

Born in New Haven, he was the son of Eugene and Bernadine Federspiel.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Richard (Billie) Federspiel of Niles, Mich., and Ann (Rod) Taylor of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Alyce Urbine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 57 years, Pat, in 2003; two sisters; and one brother.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Thursday at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven, with calling one hour prior. Father James Seculoff will officiate.

Calling will also be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E, New Haven, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

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Elizabeth Boardman

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. — Elizabeth May Boardman, 91, of South Haven, Michigan, died on August 29, 2009. Mrs. Boardman was born on December 23, 1917, in Bloomington, Indiana, to Clarence E. and Frederica (Bonnie) May.

Mrs. Boardman graduated from Indiana University in 1938, where her father taught organic chemistry to generations of Indiana physicians. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi social sorority and Mortar Board honorary. After World War II she and her late husband settled in Angola, Indiana, where Mr. Boardman was an executive at Weatherhead.

In 1967, they moved to South Haven with the late Donna and Robert Putman and bought Wolverine Hardware. Elizabeth became active in community affairs, was a member of several bridge groups and served on the board of directors of five organizations: Scott Club, American Association of University Women, South Haven Chamber of Commerce, Mobile Meals and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She has been a longtime member of Hope Reformed Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George R. Boardman, one brother, Charles E. May; and her parents, Clarence E. and Frederica (Bonnie) May.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Max H. Forster of Concord, California; her children, Bruce E. (Marilyn) Boardman of Geneseo, Illinois, Sally (David H.) Nancrede of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Sue Ellen (James) Bramer of Morrisville, Missouri; her grandchildren, Adam (Kristina) Boardman of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Molly (Phillip) O'Brien of Chicago, Illinois, Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Hulsbrink of Geneseo, Illinois, Natalie (Micah) Bechard of Elkland, Missouri, and James Bramer, Joshua Bramer, Jonathan Bramer, Brendan Bramer and Shawn Bramer, all of Morrisville, Missouri; and her great-grandchildren,Kyle and Anna Boardman of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Niamh O'Brien of Chicago, Illinois, and Nathan and Miriam Bechard of Elkland, Missouri.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hope Reformed Church.

Funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Curry Pikkaart officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery in Bloomington, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, Mich.

Natividad Garcia-Toscano

AUBURN — Natividad Garcia-Toscano, 65, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, at her residence.

Services will be Thursday at Park Lawn Cemetery, Bell, Calif.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, is assisting with the arrangements.

Phillip Ackerman

LAGRANGE — Phillip W. Ackerman, Sr., 71, of LaGrange died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, at 6:54 p.m. in the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Sharon Dietrich

BUTLER — Sharon L. Dietrich, 60, of Butler and formerly of Lafayette, Ind., died Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, in her home in Butler.

Private family burial will be held at Rest Haven Cemetery in Lafayette.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, Ind.

THE NEWS SUN
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Harry Watson

CROMWELL — Harry Edward Watson, 90, a longtime Cromwell resident and retired area business owner, passed away on Thursday, August 27, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Harry was the owner of the longtime business named Scout Sales and Service. While owning his business, he was known as "the Jack of all trades" and "if Harry couldn't build or fix it, it was not possible."

Harry also proudly served his country during World War II in the United States Navy.

He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Oddfellows, Goshen Moose Lodge 836, West Noble American Legion Post 243, Cromwell Masonic Lodge F&AM 1705 and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Fort Wayne.

Harry was born on January 8, 1919, in Auburn, Indiana, to the late Thomas Floyd and Frances Agnes (Rinihold) Watson.

On November 12, 1956, in Angola he married the late Evelyn (Swonger) Watson. She passed away on January 17, 2007.

His survivors include three sons and their spouses, Kenneth and Cyndi Watson of Ligonier, Terry and Sherry Bair of Ligonier and Larry and Lee Ellen Bair of Warsaw; three daughters and a spouse, Bonnie Lou and Floyd Affolder of Fort Wayne, Linda Jeweitt of Arcola, Indiana, Sharon Garner of Lisbon, Indiana; 17 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul Watson of Auburn; and a sister, Mabel Hook of Middletown, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; his parents; and 1 brother, Oscar Watson.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service including a Masonic service conducted by the Cromwell Masonic Lodge F&AM 1705 will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner & Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Memorial visitation will be two hours prior to the memorial service.

Following the memorial service, the West Noble American Legion Post 243 will provide military honors.

Burial will be held at a later date at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Shriners Hospital.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 1, 2009, Tuesday

Paul Jordan

FREMONT — Paul H. Jordan, 71, of Fremont died Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 at his Fremont home.

Mr. Jordan

Mr. Jordan was president, CEO and owner of G & S Super Abrasives, Angola. He moved to Angola in 1979 and lived outside Fremont since 1994.

He enjoyed the outdoors. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and camping.

He was born Feb. 13, 1938, in Urbana, Ohio, to Henry and Ruby (Queen) Jordan, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 20, 1968 he married Judy, who survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Chrystal and Joe Mayer of New Albany, Ohio, and Michelle and David Smith of Lena, Ohio; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Lisa Jordan of Angola, Sherman and Sandra Moody of Manchester, Md., and Harold Moody of San Antonio, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Joseph, Kathryn and John Mayer, Tim Caccia, Christina Smith, Anna and Abigail Jordan, Allison and Christopher Moody, and Jessica Wade; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death with his parents were a granddaughter, Kendra, and a grandson, Jeremy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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September 2, 2009, Wednesday

Phillip Ackerman

KENDALLVILLE — Phillip W. Ackerman Sr., 71, of LaGrange died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, at 6:54 p.m. in the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman had worked at Summit Plastics in Sturgis, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1960 to 1964.

He was born May 18, 1938, in Kendallville to Edward and Florence (Coats) Ackerman. He was married to Mary Randol.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ackerman of LaGrange; two daughters, Dawn Ebert of Columbus, Ohio, and Debbie Ackerman of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edwin Ackerman of LaGrange, Phil Ackerman Jr. and April Ackerman of LaGrange, and Bill and Candy Ackerman of Dunkirk; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Diane Millum of Cadillac, Mich.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edward Ackerman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 in Wolcottville, with Pastor Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Military honor guard services will be provided by American Legion Post 381, Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ardith Bradford

KENDALLVILLE — Ardith Hooten Bradford, 70, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Taylor University's Upland campus.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

A full obituary for Mrs. Bradford will appear in Thursday's edition.

Walter Gick

FORT WAYNE — Walter F. Gick, 74, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Kevin Wendt officiating. Entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Concordia Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

Martha Kellett

ORLAND — Martha M. Kellett, 85, of Orland died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, Mich., the Rev. Fr. Richard Fritz officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, Mich., with a rosary service starting at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions are to Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department or the Joyce Public Library. Memories can be left at dutcherfh.com.

May Myers

ANGOLA — May I. Myers, 90, of Angola and formerly of Hudson, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center in Angola.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Eagle Funeral Home, Barrett Chapel, Fayette, Ohio.

Burial will be in Pleasant View Union Cemetery in Fayette.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Gideon Memorial Bible Program.

Send condolences online to www.eaglefuneralhomes.com.

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Janice Geiger

COLUMBIA CITY — Janice I. Geiger, 70, of Columbia City died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sugar Grove Church of God. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services at the church Friday.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Jacqueline Duwell

KINDERHOOK TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Jacqueline L. Duwell, 55, of Kinderhook Township, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at Lockwood Community Church, Coldwater. Interment of ashes will follow at Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township.

Calling starts at 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, is handling arrangements.

Susie Martin

GOSHEN — Susie M. Martin, 95, of Goshen, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at Greencroft Healthcare in Goshen.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at New Paris Church of the Brethren, with burial in New Paris Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to the church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

Kristal Riegsecker

MIDDLEBURY — Kristal R. Riegsecker, 45, of Middlebury died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, at Life Care Center LaGrange.

Services will be at noon Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activities department of Life Care of LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 2, 2009, Wednesday

Phyllis G. Ott, 79

CHURUBUSCO – Phyllis G. Ott, 79, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Glen D. Ott, died at 1:40 p. m. on Sunday, August 30, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for the past month.

Mrs. Ott was born on August 7, 1930 in Wolf Lake, a daughter of Melvin and Esther (Miller) Bender. She spent her formative years in Wolf Lake and Albion, and graduated from Albion High School in 1948.

Following her high school graduation, she was married in Wolf Lake to Glen D. Ott on May 28, 1948. The couple lived for a short period in Kimmell following their marriage, and spent much of their married life on the Ott family farm in Eel River Township in Allen County before moving to their present home near Churubusco in 1980.

A committed woman of faith and church worker, she was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco. In addition to volunteering at her church in various capacities over the years, she served as its United Methodist Women's treasurer for many years. She loved and treasured her church, and was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many.

The surviving relatives include her husband Glen, to whom she was married for over 61 years; her three children Judy (Roy) Langdon of Sheridan, Larry (Christina) Ott of Avilla, and Jerry A. (Pamela) Ott of Churubusco; a sister Bonnie (Hal) Stump of Kimmell; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Irene Bender.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday, September 3, 2009, at the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Interment will be in Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Ott's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Jesse Gaff, 84

WARSAW – Jesse Gaff, 84, a resident of Warsaw and formerly of the Wolf Lake area passed away September 1, 2009.

He was the son of James W. and Hazel S. (Raypole) Gaff.

He married Vera Macy who survives along with three children.

Services are pending.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 2, 2009, Wednesday

Lanora Alice Binstock, 75

LIGONIER – Lanora Alice Binstock, 75 of Ligonier passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Binstock was born on April 4, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Salvator and Mary (Banning) Valenziano. She married Dale L. Binstock he survives.

She retired from the Oak Leaf Village Nursing Home when it closed. At the time of her retirement she was the housekeeping supervisor. She was also a member of the Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Among her survivors include her husband of 41 years, Dale; one son, Michael Binstock of Ligonier; one daughter, Jeanine Byall of Columbia City; one granddaughter Jill Byall of Cleveland, Ohio; two brothers, Salvator Valenziano and Martin Valenziano both of Florida; two sisters, Verna Weichel of Florida and Patricia Valenziano of Illinois.

Three brothers, Pasquale, Chester, and Nicholas Valenziano and one sister Rosemary Wagner preceded her in death.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial mass will be held on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 2:30 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the Center for Cancer Care. The Ulrey – Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

To leave an online condolence visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Janice I. Geiger, 70

COLUMBIA CITY – Janice I. Geiger, 70, a resident of rural Columbia City in Smith Township and wife of Dale E. Geiger, died at 8:31 p. m. on Monday, August 31, 2009, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since February.

Mrs. Geiger was born in Green Township in Noble County on January 18, 1939, a daughter of Homer J. and Sarah A. (Gaff) Owen. She spent her formative years in Green Township and graduated from Albion High School in 1957.

On January 18, 1958 she was united in marriage in Decatur to Dale E. Geiger. The couple lived their married lives in Smith Township, and had lived at their present home since 1966.

She was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco.

The surviving relatives include her husband and soul mate Dale, to whom she was married for over 51 years; a son Dalen (April) Geiger of Columbia City; a daughter Debbie (Phil) Gebert of Columbia City; two brothers Jack (Jane) Owen of Albion and Dennis (Wanda) Owen of Lafayette; two sisters Kay (Wilbur) Freeman of Marion and Joyce (Richard) Caskey of Ligonier; a sister-in-law Barbara Owen of Albion; and four grandchildren Brelle [Brandon] Bridge, Bralen Gebert, Brittany Geiger, and Colton Geiger.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother Darryl Owen.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday, September 4, 2009, at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Thursday from 3 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service Friday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Sugar Grove Church of God or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Geiger's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 3, 2009, Thursday

Martha Kellett

ORLAND — Martha M. Kellett, 85, of Orland died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Kellett had lived in Orland for many years.

Mrs. Kellett

She had worked for Douglas Autotec in Bronson, Mich., as a shipping clerk for 38 years, retiring in 1989.

Mrs. Kellett was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 423 in Orland.

She graduated from Bronson High School in 1942.

She was born May 6, 1924, in Bronson, Mich., to Stephen and Emaline (Herman) Kibiloski. She married Robert W. Kellett on December 16, 1945 in Bronson following his return from World War II. He died in 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia (Fritz) Cumings of Orland; four sons, Robert Steven (Judi) Kellett of Noblesville and Kim A. (Julie) Kellett, Kevin (Wendy) Kellett and Bret T. (Patricia) Kellett, all of Orland; a brother, Ronald (Johnnie) Kibiloski of Stausburg, Va.; two sisters, Rachel Penix of Arizona and Barbara Scott of Bronson; a sister-in-law, Norma Barkowski of Coldwater, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard Kibiloski; a sister, Mary Ann Hannon; an infant sister, Alice; an infant grandson, Jonathon Kellett; and a granddaughter, Blair Gay.

A Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, Mich.m with Father Richard Fritz officiating. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire Department or the Joyce Public Library.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dutcherfh.com.

Herbert Jarnagin

AUBURN — Herbert R. Jarnagin, 82, of Auburn died Monday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jarnagin

Mr. Jarnagin joined the U.S. National Guard at the age of 15. He then joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, where he served during World War II as a Seaman First Class, serving on the USS Silver Cloud.

He worked as a machinist for Auburn Gear before retiring in 1988 after 20 years of service.

He was born on July 23, 1927, in Harriman, Tenn., to Herbert Roy and Carrie Mae (Coolie) Jarnagin.

He is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary and Doris Jarnagin of Indianapolis, Harold and Sandra Jarnagin of Auburn and Tim Jarnagin of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie Huffman of Auburn and Berniece and Robert Steller of Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Wayne Jarnagin of Harriman, Tenn.; one sister, Saundra Wolfe of Mesquite, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; the mother of his children, Margaret E. Jarnagin; two sons, Terry Jarnagin and Mitchell Jarnagin; and one sister, Helen Morgan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by Auburn American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Dayspring Community Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 3, 2009, Thursday

Ardith Bradford

KENDALLVILLE — Ardith Hooten Bradford, age 70, of Kendallville peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at her residence.

Mrs. Bradford

Ardith was born in Kendallville on April 19, 1939, to the late Glen and Joyce (Frick) Hooten.

While growing up in Kendallville, she attended the First Baptist Church, where her mother was the organist for over 40 years.

She attended the Kendallville schools and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957.

Ardith was the K.H.S. drum majorette and she was also active in Y-Teens, Thespians and the Girls Athletic Association. She also worked on the school paper "Spotlight" and the yearbook staff.

She designed the cover of the yearbook her senior year.

She went on to college and graduated from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business.

Later, she received her M.A. in Christian Education from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in 1970.

From 1970-1992, she was employed as editor and later department manager of the youth curriculum at Scripture Press Publications in Wheaton, Illinois.

She married Nelson Bradford on May 31, 1986, in Naperville, Illinois, and together they lived in the western suburbs of Chicago until 2001, when they moved back to Kendallville to care for her mother.

Ardith was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville where she enjoyed attending worship service, small group fellowship, and weekly Bible study.

She loved her cats, decorating the house and tending to her flower gardens and landscaping around the house. Ardith also enjoyed entertaining others at home.

Survivors include her husband, Nelson Bradford of Kendallville; four nephews, David Hooten, Stuart Hooten, Timothy Hooten and Michael Hooten; a sister-in-law, Doris Hooten; her six dearly loved cousins on the Hooten side of her family; and one cousin on the Frick side of her family, David and Jan Frick of Rome City.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Merle Hooten.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, September 3, 2009, from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, September 4, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Kendallville, with an hour of visitation before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier, Pastor Bob Farmer and Pastor Nathan Parker.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be David Frick, Greg Beauchamp, Gary Prine, Mike Ihrie, Nate Martin and Hugh Carlson.

Preferred memorials may be made to Taylor University, Upland Campus.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Beall Jr.

MIDDLEBURY — William Brenton Beall Jr. of Modesto, Calif., died July 16, 2009, in Modesto following a lengthy illness.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials are to the White Pigeon High School Athletic Fund in White Pigeon, Mich., or to the donor's choice.

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Carla Berry

COLDWATER, Mich. — Carla Mae Berry, 55, of Coldwater, passed away August 31, 2009, at her home.

She was born November 29, 1953, in Angola, Ind., to Elwood Owen and Eloise Mae (Harris) Chiddister.

She is survived by two daughters, Tara (Bobby Stearns) Travelbee of Tekonsha and Jenny (Lee) Greenamyer of Angola; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Lonnie Chiddister and Nile Chiddister, both of Angola; three sisters, Dianna Waite of Angola, Mary Berlew of Pleasant Lake and Janet Ickes of Auburn; and her father, Elwood D. Chiddister of Florida.

Carla was preceded in death by her mother, Eloise Chiddister, and a sister, Nathalie VanAuken.

Carla belonged to a computer club, enjoyed time on the computer, soaps, puzzles, shopping and time spent with her grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the H & C Burnside Senior Center, 65 Grahl Drive, Coldwater, MI 49036

There will be no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place.

You may leave an online tribute by visiting www.putnamfuneralhome.com

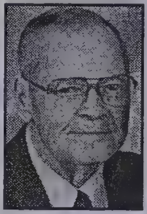
Arrangements are by the Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Walter Gick

FORT WAYNE — Walter F. Gick, 74, died Monday, August 31, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in New Haven, he was a retired buyer with AEP.

He was a U.S. Army Reserves veteran.


Mr. Gick

Mr. Gick was a member of American Legion Post 82, the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, and American Electric Retirees.

He is survived by his daughter, Susan D. Spangler of Fort Thomas, Ky.; a son, Steven G. (Kathy) Gick of Palmer, Ark.; a stepson, Larry D. (D'Anne) Hilsmier of Atlanta, Ga.; and a stepdaughter, Leesa L. (Steve) Henschen of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Gick in 2007 and his parents, Walter G. and Dorothy Gick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Kevin Wendt officiating. Entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Concordia Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Marvin Hall

GARRETT — Marvin Hall, 86, of Garrett, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Tom Novy officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Garrett Middle School Athletic Department of the St. Joseph Catholic School.

Dr. Robert Schnabel

ANGOLA — Dr. Robert V. Schnabel, 86, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Jacqueline Duwell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Jacqueline L. Duwell, 55, of Kinderhook Township died unexpectedly Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, in the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mrs. Duwell

Mrs. Duwell had been the secretary for the First Presbyterian Church in Coldwater for 20 years. She also served as the recording secretary for the Kinderhook Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

She was a longtime member of Lockwood Community Church.

Mrs. Duwell enjoyed knitting, scrapbooking and reading.

She was born Dec. 14, 1953, in West Virginia to Harold J. and Rose (Blair) Keith. She married Larry C. Duwell on Dec. 9, 1972, in Coldwater. He survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Angel Duwell of Coldwater; her mother, Rose Keith, of Coldwater; and a grandson, Garet Wall of Coldwater.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Keith.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Lockwood Community Church in Coldwater with Pastor Shayne Looper officiating. Interment of her ashes will follow in Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church Free Health Clinic.

Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dutcherfh.com.

Charles Crummett

HILLIARD, Ohio — Charles H. Crummett, 80, of Hilliard died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Tidd Funeral Home, 5265 Norwich St., Hilliard.

Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Central Ohio Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.tiddfuneralservice.com.

Philip O'Connor

HAMILTON — Philip G. O'Connor, 49, of Hamilton died Tuesday, Sept, 1, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked at Country Stone in Waterloo.

He was born Jan. 3, 1960, in Fort Wayne. His father, Paul O'Connor, is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Coral (Murphy) and Joe Martin, survive in Aloha, Ore. He married Debra Ervin on Sept. 19, 1981, in St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two sons, Aaron O'Connor of Vincennes and Jared O'Connor of Hamilton; four brothers, Rick Bice of Flower Mound, Texas, Randy Bice of Aloha, Ore., Dan Bice of Redding, Calif., and Ron O'Connor of South Bend; and three sisters, Penny Kettles of Santa Rosa, Calif., Pamela Lessnan of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Kimberly O'Connor of Hamilton.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Jack Smith will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

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Sharon Kohnen

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. — Sharon A. Kohnen, age 70, a Downers Grove, Illinois, resident since 1964, and formerly of Cromwell, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009.

She was the beloved wife of Robert E. Kohnen, loving mother of Michelle (Daniel) Rowin, Susan (Steven) Higdon, and Brett (Jodi) Kohnen, cherished grandmother of Madeline, Emily, Cayden Rowin, Daniella, Mitchell, Avery Higdon and Bradley Kohnen; fond aunt to several; and dear sister of Bradley Klingaman, of Cromwell.

Mrs. Kohnen was preceded in death by her parents, Walton and Alys Klingaman, and her dear sister, Beverly Maggart.

She was a longtime member and past president of the Downers Grove Junior Women's Club, and member and former president of the Downers Grove Tuesday Golf League. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Downers Grove.

Services will be held today in Illinois and Saturday in Noble County, Indiana.

Locally, a funeral and memorial service will be held Saturday at Broadway Christian Church on C.R. 900 West, in Noble County. Visitation is from 9 to 10 a.m., with the service at 10 a.m., followed by burial at Salem Cemetery in Wilmot. A luncheon will then be served at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MDA/ALS, 1100 31st Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Toon Funeral Home, Downers Grove, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

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Albion in mourning

Counseling offered to those dealing with the death of Stephanie Keenan

ALBION — People are invited to counseling services being held today at the Noble County Public Library — Central Branch, to help those dealing with the death of Stephanie Keenan, the wife of Berean Baptist Church pastor Doug Keenan.

Keenan, 50, died Wednesday in Albion and was known in the community for her work as a board member of the Central Noble Food Pantry in Albion.

Several pastors will be on hand for the counseling session, which will run from 4-7 p.m. Participants are asked to come to the building's back door after 5:30 p.m., when the library closes.

Ronald Halferty

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ronald W. Halferty, 45, of Waterloo, Ind., and formerly of Coldwater died unexpectedly on Monday, August 31, 2009, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Halferty

He attended Coldwater High School and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Halfertly relocated to Waterloo, Ind., and worked for the R. White Construction Co. in Metz, Ind., for the past 18 years, traveling throughout the eastern U.S. building canopies for outdoor structures.

Ron was an outdoorsman who enjoyed riding motorcycles and scooters, fishing, camping and shooting guns.

He also enjoyed music and was skilled in wood carving and writing poetry.

Ron was born March 23, 1964, in Coldwater to Donald and Norma (Gordon) Halferty. His father, Donald Halferty, preceded him in death. His mother and stepfather, Norma and Henry Findley, survive in Coldwater.

Also surviving are his significant other Lynn White of Waterloo; his daughter, Amy Halferty of Waterloo; his brother, Scott Halferty and his companion, Deb McKee, of Coldwater; his stepdaughter, Carrie; his stepsister, Misty (Rik) Kaiser of Coldwater; his stepgrandchildren, Notasin and Distany; and his stepgrandmother, Jo Ann Halferty of Coldwater.

He was also preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at 3 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

The family will receive friends prior to the service on Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m.

Interment will be at a later date at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater.

Memorials may be directed to the family for Ron's headstone.

Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a thought in the family guestbook.

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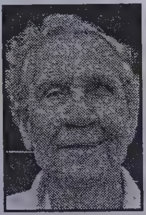
Marvin Hall

ALTONA — Marvin Hall, 86, of Altona died Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Hall

Mr. Hall was a U.S. Army World War II veteran. During his time in service, he was a member of the U.S. Army basketball traveling team where he played against the original Harlem Globetrotters team.

He worked for the Zollner Pistons Company in Fort Wayne until he retired in 1986. He was currently working for the City of Garrett, where he had been employed for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Garrett American Legion, Garrett Eagles and the Zollner Quarter Century Club.

He volunteered for the Garrett Recycling Service for more than 20 years and the Altona Volunteer Fire Department for more than 40 years.

He was also a volunteer coach for the Garrett High School football and track and field teams, and was on the selection committee for the Wall of Fame at Garrett High School.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1922, in Altona to Jay and Lillie May (Metzler) Hall.

He married Kate Johns on July 24, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Bev and Cliff Gunion of Garrett; two grandsons and their spouses, Chip and Carrie Gunion of Garrett and Bud and Catina Gunion of Cary, N.C.; and four great-grandchildren, Gabe Gunion, Jordan Gunion, Brennecke Gunion and Braeton Gunion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Gravit and Violet Richardson; and six brothers, Wilford "Ding" Hall, Jake Hall, Rich Hall, Fred Hall, Robert Hall and John Hall.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with military graveside services being conducted by the Garrett American Legion.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Garrett Middle School Athletic Department or the St. Joseph Catholic School.

Anna Wehr

AUBURN — Anna L. Wehr, 85, of Auburn and formerly of Corunna died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 10275 E. 550S, Hudson, with the Rev. Jim Elsner officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, DeKalb County Heart Association, or the RSVP of DeKalb County.

Carolyn Booker

CANTON, Ohio — Carolyn Ralph Booker, 71, of Canton died Sept. 2, 2009.

Surviving are her husband, Wayne Booker of Canton; two sons, Ed Booker of Indianapolis and Mike Booker of Hoover, Ala.; a daughter, Susan Booker of Woodstock, Ga.; a brother, Harry Ralph of Loganville, Ga.; sister Betty Ralph of Jefferson, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lebanon Baptist Church, 11250 Crabapple Road, Roswell, Ga., with Pastor Paul Mann officiating. Interment will follow at Macedonia Memorial Park. Mrs. Booker will lie in state one hour prior to the service.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the church.

Friends who wish may view her memorial page at facebook/Carolyn Ralph Booker.

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, is assisting the Booker family.

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Wallace Licorish

CORUNNA — Wallace N. "Wally" Licorish, 87, of Corunna died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at 9:20 p.m. in Wesley Healthcare at Auburn.

Mr. Licorish

Mr. Licorish had lived in this area since 2003, coming from Florida where he had lived for 25 years.

He had worked as an engineering supervisor for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich., for 30 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born Feb. 3, 1922, in Chicago, Ill., to Archibald Fitz-Royden "Bob" and Iris Messiah (Rock) Licorish. He married Dolores L. (Mix) Hunter on Sept. 23, 1972, in Redford, Mich. She survives in Corunna.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Licorish; two daughters, Linda Licorish of Detroit, Mich., and Evyon DuPres of Chelsey, Mich. ; a stepson and his wife, Kent R. and Janet Hunter of Corunna; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a brother, Milton Licorish of Arizona; and a sister, Lena Aubrey of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ray Licorish; a sister, Emily Licorish; and a stepdaughter, Kim L. Kaylor.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in the worship center of St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Church Doctor Ministries.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

William Busick

MONROEVILLE — William W. "Bill" Busick, 70, of Monroeville, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville, with the Rev. Ed Lovelace officiating. Burial will be in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and one hour before the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Monroeville Emergency Medical Service.

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Stephanie Keenan

ALBION — Stephanie Cecelia Keenan, age 50, died unexpectedly Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at her home in Albion.

She was born Stephanie Herstich on March 16, 1959, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Stephen Herstich and Delores (Dawson) Covey.

Mrs. Keenan

On May 24, 1980, she married Pastor Douglas L. Keenan in Bethlehem, PA. He survives in Albion.

They moved to the area in 1986, coming from Pennsylvania.

She was a 1977 graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem, received her associate degree in nursing in 2004, then going on and receiving her bachelor's degree in 2008 from Purdue University. She was currently working on her master's degree in nursing from Ball State. She was a full time nursing lab instructor at IPFW in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keenan was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion, Phi Theta Kappa Sorority, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society and National Omicron Psi Honor Society.

She loved walking and reading, gardening, riding her bike, attending school and she dedicated lots of her time as a volunteer for the Central Noble County Food Pantry.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Michelle Keenan of Muncie; a daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and Kyle Lintner of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; her mother, Delores (Roger) Covey of Danielsville, Pa.; her father, Stephen Herstich of Whitehaven, Pa.; her stepfather, Charles Garcia; two brothers, Nicholas Garcia and Stephen Herstich; three sisters, Caroline Herstich of Bethleham, Pa., Carla Garcia of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Cindy Westerser of Bethlehem, Pa.

Funeral services for Mrs. Keenan will be Monday, September 7, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Berean Baptist Church in Albion. Burial following the funeral will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 3-8 Sunday evening at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Road, Albion.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Stephanie to the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be sent to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Garlets

HOWE — Kenneth M. Garlets, 70, of Howe died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at Goshen Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Garlets was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Garlets

He was a farmer, a truck driver for Weiss Trucking in Mongo, and also hauled propane.

Mr. Garlets was a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge No. 1351 where he had served two terms as governor.

He was born on April 6, 1939, in Sturgis, Mich., to Milton Monroe and Evelyn Mae (Ernsberger) Garlets. He married Elsie J. Davis on Dec. 21, 1963, in LaGrange. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Fawn and Sam Hall of Howe; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; an aunt; and an uncle.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Dawn Evelyn Garlets on Sept. 8, 1965; and a brother, Keith R. Garlets on Sept. 12, 1969.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Jim Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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William Busick

MONROEVILLE — William W. "Bill" Busick, 70, of Monroeville died unexpectedly Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mr. Busick retired in 1988 from International Harvester after 30 years of service in the shipping department. He was also a self-employed carpenter in the Monroeville area and a part-time farmer.

He served his country in the U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Busick was a member of the Monroeville American Legion Post 420 and the U.A.W. Local 57 of Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 11, 1938, in Allen County to Edwin A. and Florence M. (Scherschel) Busick. He married Marsha Lehman on June 28, 1985, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Monroeville.

Also surviving are a son, Dallas Busick of Fort Wayne; a daughter Billie Robin (Eric) Patarak of Lompoc, Calif.; three sisters, Marjorie Wagner of Cloverdale, Ohio, Shirley (Edwin) Rosswurm of Albion and Rose (Robert) Grubb of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Amanda Haupt of Lompec, Calif.; and a grandson, Cristopher Haupt of Lompec, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, in Monroeville with Pastor Ed Lovelace officiating. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Monroeville EMS.

To sign the on-line guest book, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Anna Wehr

AUBURN — Anna L. Wehr, 85, of Auburn and formerly of Corunna died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wehr worked as a packer for Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 17 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hudson.

She was also a member of the Fairfield Friendship Club and the RSVP of DeKalb County.

She was born Jan. 7, 1924, in Helmer to Henry A. and Edith E. (Blech) Kern. She married Frank G. Wehr on Aug. 2, 1943, in Bastrop County, Texas. He died April 11, 1995.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Deanna Wehr of Frankfort, David and Cindy Wehr of Avon and Craig and Jeannie Wehr of Auburn; one daughter, Charlotte Wehr of Fort Wayne; one brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Patricia Kern of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Margaret Kern.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 10275 E. 550S, Hudson, with the Rev. Jim Elsner officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. today at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, DeKalb County Heart Association, or the RSVP of DeKalb County.

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Carl Bauman

AUBURN — Carl Raymond Bauman, age 89, of Auburn, died on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 10:23 p.m. at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

He was born June 9, 1920, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Walter and Beulah (Gard) Bauman.

He graduated in 1933 from the Zion one-room Schoolhouse in Jefferson Township. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1937 and from the International Business School in Fort Wayne with an associate degree in 1939.

He served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II.

He married Lorraine Catherine Hentschel August 18, 1946, in Long Island, New York, and she died June 22, 2007.

Carl worked as a crane operator at the Auburn Foundry. He had 42 years of service when he retired.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn for 60 years and a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society "SPEBSQSA" for 21 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Carolyn and Richard Platt of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Janette and Scott Pressler of Auburn; a son, Kenneth and Sherrie Bauman of South Whitley; a daughter, Laura and Paul Gurgos of Bartlett, Ill.; and a sister, O'Donna Uhl of Albion.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild and 1 stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brothers, Robert and Alfred Bauman, and sisters, Esther Bauman and Beatrice Truelove.

A celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or DeKalb Animal Shelter.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Bethel Slone

AUBURN — Bethel Slone, 65, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at Wesley Health Care.

Mr. Slone had been employed at the Van Coach in Middlebury and then at Auburn Foundry for eight years.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving as an aviation mechanic during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Slone

He was born July 11, 1944, in Larkslane, Ky., the son of the late Garland and Louhettie Slone. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Barney and Amy Slone of Garrett, Birchel and Norma Slone of Kendallville, and Theodore and Karen Slone of Waterloo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy and Bob Vanderpool of Auburn and Nola Moore of Garrett, Ky.; a sister-in-law, Marguerite Slone of Bedford; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Emery Jim Slone, and a sister, Bertha Daley.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn.

Burial, with U.S. Army military rites, will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

To sign the online guest book, or send a condolence, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 6, 2009, Sunday

He always saw the funny side

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Life was a series of adventures to Arie VanStraten.

VanStraten and his wife, Catharina, nicknamed Tiny, came to Auburn from Holland in 1957, as part of a displaced persons program, and ended up staying.

"They loved it here," said their daughter, Helen Caldwell.

Arie VanStraten died Aug. 16. He was 81 years old.

"He always had adventures every day," Caldwell said. "He could meet somebody anywhere, and he would come home with stories."

Arie began working for a local cabinet maker and then worked with the Grabill Cabinet Co. before the VanStratens opened their own cabinet company in 1963. They also opened a Montgomery Ward Catalog Agency.

"They pretty much raised the four of us on that," Caldwell said. Caldwell has three siblings: John VanStraten, Eric VanStraten and JoAnn DeVenney.

Caldwell said she remembered her parents once packing up the car and going on a trip with extra money from a cabinet job. The family went as far as they could on half the money, then came back.

"He would do that all the time," she said. "He did not believe in being bored. That, and the words 'shut up.' We were never allowed to say those words."

The pair became U.S. citizens in the 1980s, Caldwell said, mainly so that they could vote on a local issue.

"Voting was really important to both of my parents," she said.

Even near the end of his life, Arie VanStraten wanted to ensure that he would at least live until Nov. 4, 2008, so that he could vote, and he told his doctors and surgeons that, Caldwell said.

"He would tell the doctor that he was going to vote for Obama, and the doctor would say, 'Well …'" Caldwell said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Arie VanStraten and his wife, Catharina, "had an incredible love affair going," a friend said.

After retirement, Arie and Tiny moved to Wesley Park Apartments, where Tiny was the manager and Arie was the maintenance man and "chief troublemaker." The pair were always a great team, said the Rev. Dale Williams, who knew the VanStratens through Auburn First United Methodist Church.

"He and Tiny just had an incredible love affair going," he said. "I think she was everything to him, and I think he was everything to her, and although it was never said to me, I feel that when Tina passed away so suddenly, I'm sure that something went out of his life that never could be replaced."

Tiny VanStraten died July 21, 2008.

Arie VanStraten always was sure to keep things interesting for the people around him — he was a notorious prankster, and many of his jokes have become the stuff of local legend.

John VanStraten remembered one memorable April Fool's Day, when VanStraten called a local radio station under the guise of a Department of Natural Resources officer. He told the station that a tanker carrying live fish had sprung a leak while driving through DeKalb County. He said the fish had been dumped into a private pond on a farm, and that it was open fishing in the pond. After the radio station broadcast the report, people took off work to go fishing in the pond, where they were not supposed to be.

"He had everyone fooled," John VanStraten said.

Another time, Arie VanStraten had dressed up as Santa Claus, but needed to get gas in his car, said Dick Shankle, a friend. After his gas had been pumped, Arie realized he forgot his wallet.

"He pulls out and says, 'Ho ho ho,'" Shankle said.

Unfortunately, although the owner of the service station knew VanStraten, the teenager who pumped the gas didn't, Caldwell said. He took down the license plate number and called police. Meanwhile, Caldwell had borrowed the car to drive to a friend's house. When she heard the car's description and license plate number come over the police scanner at the friend's home, "I drove home right away and parked it," she said.

VanStraten also played smaller jokes on friends. He once went to the library and tore out every magazine insert he could find to send away for free things using a friend's name and address. The friend received a lot of junk mail, then turned around and, with VanStraten's help, did it to another friend.

When the Rev. Karen Koelsch served as associate pastor at the Auburn First United Methodist Church, VanStraten brought her many cans of food, but tore off all the labels so she wouldn't know what she was going to eat until she opened the cans.

His sense of humor was apparent, Williams said.

"That never really left him to the day he died," he said.

Williams added that, a few months before his death, VanStraten told their Sunday School class about making arrangements for his funeral dinner.

"He said that the lady that was interviewing him was going down the list of questions she had," Williams said. After discussing the menu, "then finally, she said, 'What will be the date of this thing?' Arie said, 'I told her we'd have to wait and let her know that later.' It was funny to him. That's just the way Arie was. He always saw the funny side of things."

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Dale LeFever

CHURUBUSCO — Dale J. LeFever, 82, a resident of Churubusco and former Churubusco town official, died at 2 p. m. on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne following an extended illness.

Mr. LeFever

Mr. LeFever was born in Columbia City on March 30, 1927, a son of Arthur and Fern (Secrist) LeFever, and spent his formative years in Churubusco. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1945 and later from the International Business College in Fort Wayne. On Sept. 4, 1949 he was married in Churubusco to Imogene C. Allman, and lived all of his adult life in this community.

Employed as an accountant all of his life, he worked at the former McCoy Lumber Company in Churubusco, and was later employed at Schlater Hardware in Fort Wayne. He served as the clerk-treasurer for the Town of Churubusco for 45 years. He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, was a member and past secretary for 20 years of Churubusco Lodge No. 515 F&AM, and served on the board of directors of the Churubusco Public Library for 43 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Imogene LeFever on Dec. 30, 1992.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, David L. and Monica LeFever of Churubusco, and Gary F. and Elaine LeFever of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. on Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Tuesday from 2 to 7 p. m. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 7 p. m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Churubusco Public Library, 116 N. Mulberry Street, Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. LeFever's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Clayton Patterson

FREMONT — Clayton Dean Patterson, 68, of Big Otter Lake, Fremont, and formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Patterson was born Jan. 4, 1941, in Defiance, Ohio, to Clayton E. and Lois (Highland) Patterson. He married Janice Hein on July 4, 1980. She survives.

He worked as an accountant for G.B. Biosciences of Cleveland (formerly Diamond Shamrock). He was an Air Force veteran. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola, the Orland American Legion Post No. 423. He was a graduate of Angola High School and Tri-State University.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Emily Patterson of Manhattan, N.Y.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. Burial will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, with military graveside services held by the Orland American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 6, 2009, Sunday

Patricia Parker

HUDSON — Patricia Ann "Pat" Parker, 63, of Hudson died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, in Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Pat was a homemaker. She attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born Jan. 20, 1946, in Neon, Ky., to James and Dorothy (Cornett) Hunter.

She is survived are a daughter, Kelly Parker of Columbia City; a grandson, Sage Parker; a sister, Brenda Perry of LaGrange; and a niece and nephew.

Mrs. Parker

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Sam Weimer of Independent Full Gospel Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child or Parkview Whitley Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Kathleen Kurtz

GARRETT — Kathleen A. Kurtz, 69, of Garrett, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, at her residence.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home with calling from 2-6 p.m. Burial will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Embrey Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

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NO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED

THE NEWS SUN
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September 8, 2009, Tuesday

Isaiah Lambright

MIDDLEBURY — Isaiah Lambright, 18-month-old son of Garry and Brenda (Lambright) Lambright, of rural Middlebury, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at his residence of accidental drowning.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the Lavern Bontrager residence on C.R. 18 Middlebury.

There is no calling today

Further arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

The family of

Hazel W. King

would like to thank everyone for their kind words, flowers, phone calls and support during the death of our mother and wife. We would also like to thank the DeKalb County First Responders, Firefighters, EMS and ER. As well as everyone at Parkview Main ER, Feller & Clark Funeral Home for their understanding of our wishes and the utmost respect they showed our family and friends during our time of grief. Thank you to Auburn Legion Post 97 and caring individuals who provided food. Also, thank you to the Harley Riders who were involved in mom's last ride. And we especially want to thank our family... how proud mom would be for the love and support we have shown to each other during this time.

Lowell King
Dan, Johnny, Michael, Wanetta, Sherry, Kelly & Kris

Longtime community leader, veterinarian in Noble County dies

Van Meter Jr.

FORT WAYNE — David Van Meter Jr., D.V.M., of New Haven, a longtime Noble County community leader, died Saturday at Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home. He was 86.

Dr. Van Meter was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. After graduating from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine, he practiced his profession from 1951 to 1993 in Kentucky, Wakarusa and most of those years in Albion.

He held leadership roles on the Albion Town Board, Noble County Council, McCray Memorial Hospital Board, Lutheran Homes Inc., the Campbell & Fetter Bank, the Noble County Community Foundation, and the NEI and State Veterinary Medical Association.

He helped establish the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville, and served the society even in his retirement.

Dr. Van Meter was a beloved member and leader of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, and was a current member of Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

For details about services and calling, see the obituary on Page A4.

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David Van Meter Jr.

NEW HAVEN — David Van Meter Jr., D.V.M., 86, of New Haven, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 in the presence of his family at Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Van Meter Jr.

Born Sept. 3, 1923, in Monroeville, he was the son of the late David Sr. and Agnes (Dunn) Van Meter.

He served his country as an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He graduated from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine where he later served on the Alumni Board. He practiced veterinary medicine from 1951-1993 in Kentucky, Wakarusa and Albion, Ind.

Dr. Van Meter chaired the State Board of Animal Health for nine years, serving under Governors Whitcomb, Bowen and Orr. He was named Veterinarian of the Year in 1981 and received the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1986.

He held perfect attendance in the Albion Rotary Club, was named Citizen on the Year in 1984 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He held leadership roles on the Albion Town Board, Noble County Council, McCray Memorial Hospital, Lutheran Homes Inc., Campbell & Fetter Bank, NEI and State Veterinary Medical Associations and the Noble County Community Foundation (NCCF).

Dr. Van Meter helped establish the Noble County Humane Society and served them in retirement.

He was a member of MSU President's Club, IVMA, Noble County Extension Committee, Albion Legion Post 246, Albion Local Development Board, Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Layman's League.

He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, and currently Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and served as elder, Sunday School teacher and Synodical representative.

Dr. Van Meter is survived by the love of his life, Alvena (Kanning) Van Meter, with recent renewal of their wedding vows after 63 years of marriage.

Also surviving are daughters, Suzanne (Jack) Sprague, Fremont, Jenny (Paul) Christensen, Camarillo, Calif., Sherri (Jim) Buchmeier, New Haven, and Lori (Jeff) Dillinger, Brownsburg, Ind.; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; a sister, Delores Lepper, Monroeville; a sister-in-law, Dorie Van Meter, New Haven; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jon David Van Meter; two sisters, Jeanette Van Meter and Helen Fritcha; and a brother, Kenneth Van Meter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Rev. Karl Frincke officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930E, New Haven, Ind., and also one hour prior to services Thursday.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46815, Noble County Community Foundation Van Meter Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767 or Noble County Humane Shelter, 1305 Sherman St., PO Box 471, Kendallville IN 46755.

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THE NEWS SUN
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Alice Houlton

HAMILTON — Alice Lucile Houlton, 98, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was a homemaker, and wrote articles for the Hamilton News.

She was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Pythian Sisters.

On Nov. 27, 1910, in Hamilton, she was born to Grant Simpson and May Melissa (Wines) Chilcote. She married Claude Edward Houlton on June 30, 1930 in Waterloo, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 1, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry L. and Karen Houlton, Hamilton, and Paul and Virginia Houlton, Corunna; a daughter, Mary Lou Grisham, Angola; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Ben, Carl and Earl Chilcote, and two sisters, Audra Brown Parsell and Marry Bopp Hammon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009 at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with Rev. Jack Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in Oberlin Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, and also one hour prior to Wednesday services at the church. The Pythian Sisters will conduct services at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Melvin Maggert

GARRETT — Melvin M. "Jake" Maggert, 68, of Garrett, died at 2:18 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

He was born Feb. 27, 1941 in Garrett to Forrest and Francis (Reed) Maggert, and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Maggert

He was an Air Force veteran serving during Vietnam. He was a production worker at Stanadyne in Garrett for 13 years until it closed.

Mr. Maggert is survived by his daughter, Tara Maggert, Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Ty and Robin Maggert, Garrett; and a granddaughter, Macy Maggert, Garrett. He is survived by five brothers: Richard "Sam" Maggert, Clayton Maggert, William "Bill" Maggert, Ralph Maggert and Clifford "Hoggy" Maggert, all of Garrett. Five sisters also survive: Mary Higgins, Juanita Kline, Caroline Creager and Eleanor "Doodie" Perucca, all of Garrett; and Wava Woolard of Alaska.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles, American Legion and the Alumni Association.

A calling of friends and family will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at the funeral home with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with military graveside services by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the Colon Cancer Alliance.

Condolences may be sent and the online register signed by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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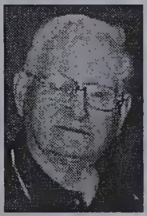
Louis Timmerman

AUBURN — Louis Lavon “Shorty” Timmerman, 78, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 at his home.

He was born June 12, 1931, to Charles and Marjorie (Furnish) Timmerman.


Mr. Timmerman

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1952-1954.

Mr. Timmerman worked for the Partee Company in Spencerville and Foamex in Auburn. He was a member of the Grace Community Church of God in Auburn. He was a former fire chief and volunteer of the Jackson Township Fire Department, and also a 4-H leader.

Mr. Timmerman loved farming, fishing, watching NASCAR and his grandchildren.

He married Gertrude Lavalle Chorpenning on Sept. 30, 1951 in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law: Lynn Timmerman, Lyle and Shelly Timmerman and Lee Timmerman, all of Auburn; a daughter, Linda Timmerman, Auburn; grandchildren, Dusti and Anthony “Dewey” Green, and Jeannie and Justin Timmerman; great grandchildren, MaKyle Green and Summer Haverstock; two step grandchildren, Tina and Tara Petre; four brothers and spouses, Victor and Loretta Timmerman, Howard “Pete” and Barbara Timmerman, James “DeWayne” and Ann Timmerman, and Keith “Timmy” and Sue Timmerman; six sisters and spouses, Shirley and Jack Zimmerman, Patricia and Robert “Bob” Melchi, Eloise Fry, Sharon Snyder, Loree “Peg” and Donnie Baker, and Darlene and Ron Zimmerman; two brothers-in-law and spouses, John and Vonnie Chorpenning, and Perry and Vickie Chorpenning; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Lee Timmerman; three sisters, Mozezla Edgar, Anita Fry and Norma Dickson; a sister-in-law, Norma Chorpenning; and five brothers-in-law, LeRoy Edgar, James Fry, Wendall Fry, Jerry Snyder and Jack Dickson; and two nephews, Rick Timmerman and Chad Chorpenning.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center S., Auburn, with Rev. Paul Burns officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Gertrude Timmerman.

Carl Knafel

ROME CITY — Carl G. Knafel, 90, of Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Virginia Demorest

ANGOLA — Virginia Mae Demorest, 96, of Angola, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to donor’s choice or Steuben County Council on Aging.

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Jeffrey Zody

KENDALLVILLE — Jeffrey W. Zody, 46, of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Zody was a maintenance manager at Griffith Rubber in Garrett.

Mr. Zody

He was a member of the U.S. Army and served in Desert Storm.

He was also a member of the Northwest Ohio Blacksmith Association and was a board member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 1, 1962, in Rochester. He married Leslie Rodgers on April 6, 1987, in Hartford City. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Navar Zody and Zackery Zody, both at home; his mother, Margaret Moore of Kendallville; his father, Wayne Zody of Michigan; two sisters; and two brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Mid-America Windmill Museum, 732 S. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Dorislea Sellers

KENDALLVILLE — Dorislea "Doris" Sellers, 79, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Care Facility in Columbus, Ind.

Mrs. Sellers was an OB nurse for 35 years at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School and a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She was born July 28, 1930, the daughter of Wilbur and Coral (Adair) Smith in Kendallville. She married Harold J. Sellers on May 26, 1956, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She is survived by a son, John (Debbie) Sellers of Greensburg, Ind.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

On-Line condolences may be made to the family at www.hitefuneralhomecom.

Calling was also held at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home in Greensburg.

Carl Knafel

ROME CITY — Carl G. Knafel, 90, of Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Knafel was a self-employed carpenter and stone mason.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276, Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Wolf Lake to Arthur and Elsie (Emmen) Knafel. He married Bonnie Wray on Jan. 1, 1940, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 1972. He then married Carol (Ross) Wirick on July 10, 1973, in Hayward, Wis. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and John Holsinger of Wolcottville and Connie and Clairdon Strater of Garrett; a son, Terry Knafel of Indianapolis; a stepson, Jack Wirick of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Applegate of Albion; and one brother, Ed Knafel of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bette Meier and Viola Young; two brothers, Kenny Knafel and Harlan "Bud" Knafel; and a stepdaughter, Evelyn Fortman.

Funeral services and Masonic Lodge services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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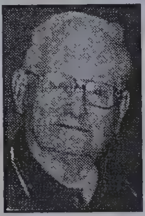
Mr. Timmerman

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1952-1954.

Mr. Timmerman worked for the Partee Company in Spencerville and Foamex in Auburn. He was a member of the Grace Community Church of God in Auburn. He was a former fire chief and volunteer of the Jackson Township Fire Department, and also a 4-H leader.

Mr. Timmerman loved farming, fishing, watching NASCAR and his grandchildren.

He married Gertrude Lavalle Chorpenning on Sept. 30, 1951 in Spencerville. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law: Lynn Timmerman, Lyle and Shelly Timmerman and Lee Timmerman, all of Auburn; a daughter, Linda Timmerman, Auburn; grandchildren, Dusti and Anthony "Dewey" Green, Jeannie and Justin Haverstock, Tony Timmerman, Drew Timmerman, Tyler Miller, McCala Terrill and Celina Timmerman; great-grandchildren, MaKyle Green and Summer Haverstock; two stepgrandchildren, Tina and Tara Petre; four brothers and spouses, Victor and Loretta Timmerman, Howard "Pete" and Barbara Timmerman, James "DeWayne" and Ann Timmerman, and Keith "Timmy" and Sue Timmerman; six sisters and spouses, Shirley and Jack Zimmerman, Patricia and Robert "Bob" Melchi, Eloise Fry, Sharon Snyder, Loree "Peg" and Donnie Baker, and Darlene and Ron Zimmerman; two brothers-in-law and spouses, John and Vonnie Chorpenning, and Perry and Vickie Chorpenning; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Lee Timmerman; three sisters, Mozezla Edgar, Anita Fry and Norma Dickson; a sister-in-law, Norma Chorpenning; and five brothers-in-law, LeRoy Edgar, James Fry, Wendall Fry, Jerry Snyder and Jack Dickson; and two nephews, Rick Timmerman and Chad Chorpenning.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center S., Auburn, with Rev. Paul Burris officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Gertrude Timmerman.

The Family of Dorothy Bieber would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls and other acts of kindness expressed with the recent passing of Dorothy.

Jack Bieber
Jean & Rollin Miller & Family, Judy & Jerry Hooser & Family, Bob & Betty Bieber & Family

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Isaiah Lambright

MIDDLEBURY — Isaiah Ryan Lambright, 18-month-old son of Gary and Brenda (Lambright) Lambright of Middlebury died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Goshen General Hospital as the result of a drowning accident.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the LaVern Bontrager residence, 11511 C.R. 18, Middlebury. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery in Middlbury.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the LaVern Bontrager residence.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Demorest

ANGOLA — Virginia Mae Demorest, 96, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Angola.

Mrs. Demorest had retired from Weatherhead.

She was a member of North Scott Church of Christ and the Weatherhead Pioneer Club.

She was born March 16, 1913, in Butler to Melva and Dessie (Rummell) Lowe. She married Glenwood Demorest and he preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1972.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Cornelius "Corky" and Jean Demorest of Portsmouth, N.H.; a brother, William Lowe of North Adams, Mich.; two sisters, Annabelle Pocock of Angola and Phyllis Nall of Knoxville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Juanita Hewitt and an infant; six brothers, Kenneth, Grover, Edgar, Richard, Dale and Maurice Lowe; and a sister, Doris Lowe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert and Pastor David Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice or to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Theodore Levy

FORT WAYNE — Theodore B. "Ted" Levy, 89, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Levy served as vice president of Levin & Sons of Fort Wayne and Kendallville for more than 45 years. He retired in 1987.

Private graveside services will be at Jewish Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be form 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to B'Nai Jacob Synagogue or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Robert Czupryn

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Czupryn, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Czupryn had been a teacher for 36 years, serving more than 34 years as an industrial arts teacher at the Kendallville Middle School and as a building trades teacher at East Noble High School.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Robert Griffith

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert C. Griffith, 81, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at the home of his son in Rome, Ill.

Mr. Griffith was a member of Mason Lodge No. 614 in Ashley and the Moose Lodge in Angola.

He was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Weir and Lucille (Matson) Griffith. He married Natalie Cleveland on Oct. 23, 1959, in Edon, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert C. and Karen Griffith of Rome, Ill.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Ian Benton of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Deborah and Jeffrey Kilburn of Hartland, Wis., and Barbara and Scott Bitzer of Fishers, Ind.; and 11 grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hospice Care at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn or Hospice Compassus of Peoria, Ill.

The Weber-Hurd Funeral Home of Chillicothe, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

Theda Frey

LIGONIER — Theda E. Frey, 79, of Topeka died Tuesday, Spet. 8, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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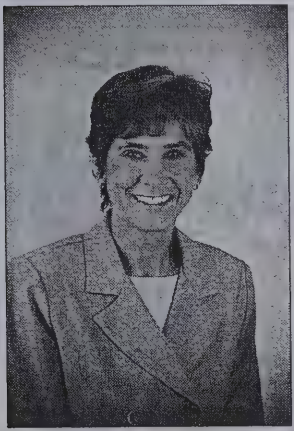

Stephanie Cecelia Keenan, 50

ALBION - Stephanie Cecelia Keenan, age 50, died unexpectedly Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at her home in Albion. She was born Stephanie Herstich on March 16, 1959 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Stephen Herstich and Delores (Dawson) Covey.

On May 24, 1980 she married Pastor Douglas L. Keenan in Bethlehem, PA, he survives in Albion. They moved to the area in 1986, coming from Pennsylvania

She was a 1977 graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem, recieved her Associates degree in nursing in 2004, then going on and recieving her bachelors degree in 2008 from Purdue University. She was currently working on her Master's degree in nursing from Ball State. She was a full time nursing lab instructor at IPFW in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keenan was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion, Phi Theta Kappa Sorority, Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society, and National Omicron Psi Honor Society.

She loved walking and reading, gardening, riding her bike, attending school and she dedicated lots of her time as a volunteer for the Central Noble County Food Pantry.

She is survived by a son, Stuart (Michelle) Keenan of Muncie; a daughter. Nicole (Kyle) Lintner of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; her mother Delores (Roger) Covey of Danielsville, PA; her father, Stephen Herstich of Whitehaven, PA; step-father, Charles Garcia; brothers, Nicholas Garcia and Stephen Herstich; sisters, Caroline Herstich of Bethleham, PA, Carla Garcia of Brooklyn, NY, and Cindy Westerser.

Funeral services for Mrs. Keenan were Monday, September 7, 2009 at Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Stephanie to the Central Noble Food Pantry.

Burial following the funeral was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

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David Van Meter Jr., 86

NEW HAVEN — David Van Meter Jr., D.V.M., 86, of New Haven, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009 in the presence of his family at Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 3, 1923, in Monroeville to the late David Sr. and Agnes (Dunn) Van Meter.

He served his country as an ensign in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He graduated from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine where he later served on the Alumni Board. He practiced veterinary medicine from 1951-1993 in Kentucky, Wakarusa and Albion, Ind.

Dr. Van Meter chaired the State Board of Animal Health for nine years, serving under Governors Whitcomb, Bowen and Orr. He was named Veterinarian of the Year in 1981 and received the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1986.

He held perfect attendance in the Albion Rotary Club, was named Citizen of the Year in 1984 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He held leadership roles on the Albion Town Board, Noble County Council, McCray Memorial Hospital, Lutheran Homes Inc., Campbell & Fetter Bank, NEI and State Veterinary Medical Associations and the Noble County Community Foundation (NCCF).

Dr. Van Meter helped establish the Noble County Humane Society and served them in retirement.

He was a member of MSU President's Club, IVMA, Noble County Extension Committee, Albion Legion Post 246, Albion Local Development Board, Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Layman's League.

He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, and currently Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, and served as elder, Sunday School teacher and Synodical representative.

Dr. Van Meter is survived by the love of his life, Alvena (Kanning) Van Meter, with recent renewal of their wedding vows after 63 years of marriage.

Also surviving are daughters, Suzanne (Jack) Sprague, Fremont, Jenny (Paul) Christensen, Camarillo, Calif., Sherri (Jim) Buchmeier, New Haven, and Lori (Jeff) Dillinger, Brownsburg, Ind.; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; a sister, Delores Lepper, Monroeville; a sister-in-law, Dorie Van Meter, New Haven; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jon David Van Meter; two sisters, Jeanette Van Meter and Helen Fritcha; and a brother, Kenneth Van Meter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 10, 2009 at Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Rev. Karl Frincke officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930E, New Haven, Ind., and also one hour prior to services Thursday.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers memorials to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, 4245 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne IN 46815, Noble County Community Foundation Van Meter Scholarship Fund, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767 or Noble County Humane Shelter, 1305 Sherman St., PO Box 471, Kendallville IN 46755.

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Jesse Lowell Gaff, 84

COLUMBIA CITY – Jesse Lowell Gaff, 84, passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 12:27 PM in Warsaw, Indiana.

Mr. Gaff was born October 22, 1924 in Collins Township of Whitley County to James Wilbert and Hazel Sophia (Raypole) Gaff.

On April 26, 1945 in Indianapolis, Indiana, he entered the US Army. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal-Japan. Pfc Jesse L. Gaff was honorably discharged December 13, 1946 at the Separation Center in Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

He was united in marriage to Vera O. Macy on October 22, 1947 at the Big Lake Church of God, Big Lake, Indiana.

Living most of his life in Kosciusko County, Mr. Gaff worked 19 years at the Times Union Newspaper and then 15 years at Zimmer, Inc. retiring from there in 1987.

Proud to be an American, Mr. Gaff was a charter member of the National WW II Memorial in Washington D.C.; a member of the Warsaw VFW Post 1126 and Warsaw American Legion Post 49. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association, lifetime member of Warsaw Rifle and Pistol Club, lifetime member of Fort Wayne Rifle and Revolver Club and a former volunteer fireman for the city of Warsaw. He attended Warsaw Church of God.

Those left with loving memories are his wife, Vera, one son, Roger (Sharon) Gaff, two daughters, Jo Ellen (Terry) Smith, all of Warsaw, Dena (Douglas) Walker of Richmond, Virginia; Six Grandchildren and five great grandchildren; two sisters: Agnes Stanley, North Manchester, IN and Genevera Arnold, Arcola, IN; three brothers: Norbert (Justine) Gaff, Florida, Alpheus Ray Gaff, and Stanley D. (Priscilla) Gaff, both of Columbia City, Indiana.

Mr. Gaff was preceded in death by three sisters: Ruth Coy, Betty Egner and Mary Frances Gaff; two brothers: Jimmie Gaff and Julian Gaff.

Services took place at the Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Pastor Jerry Yoder of Warsaw Church of God officiated.

While at Oakwood Cemetery for burial, graveside honors were conducted by Warsaw's American Legion Post 49 and VFW Post 1126.

Those wishing to make a contribution in Mr. Gaff's memory may do so to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, PO Box 1196, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1196.

Deborah Sue Calhoon, 48

COLUMBIA CITY – Deborah Sue Calhoon, age 48, of Columbia City, IN died Friday, September 4, 2009 at 2:28 pm at Parkview Hospital Fort Wayne. She was born on September 29, 1960 in Columbia City, IN to Frank R. and Jenna M. (Wolfe) Diehl.

She attended Columbia City Joint High School. On July 21, 1978 she married William F. Calhoon at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City, IN. For 15 years she worked as a supervisor at Group Dekko in Merriam, IN. A former resident of Big Lake, she and her husband William lived for 20 years in Merriam before moving to Columbia City in 2006.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, William Calhoon; daughter, Candice Calhoon and son, William "Cory" Calhoon both of Columbia City; mother, Jenna M. Williams of Fort Wayne, IN; brother David (Becky) Diehl of Mentone, IN and sister Dianna (Howard) Patrick of Claypool, IN. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank R. Diehl.

Visitation with the family will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13, 2009 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Pastor Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God officiating. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers memorial bequests may be given in Mrs. Calhoon's memory to the Whitley County Humane Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family or sign the guest register please visit www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Robert Czupryn

Mr. Czupryn

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Czupryn, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 10:05 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Czupryn had lived in the Kendallville area since 1958, coming from Martinsville. He graduated from Hirsch High School in Chicago where he was one of their best football players. He received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his master's degree from Indiana University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1953 to 1955 and was stationed in Germany.

He was a teacher for 36 years, with one and one half years spent in Martinsville. For the remainder of his career, he taught industrial arts at Kendallville Middle School and building trades at East Noble High School. He also was a drivers' education teacher and taught one year of physical education while at East Noble.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, Alpha Sigma Phi, and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

He enjoyed woodworking, tennis, golf, watching football, and spending 16 winters in Florida. He always looked forward to his Wednesday night card club. He and his wife enjoyed traveling across the U.S. and overseas.

He was born November 25, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, to Stanley and Lucy (Novak) Czupryn. On January 21, 1956, in Wolcottville, he married Joan Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Czupryn of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mark Dillon of Rochester, Michigan; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kurt Czupryn of Houston, Texas, and Brad and Cindy Czupryn of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Joe Czupryn, Michael Czupryn, Nathan Dillon and Mike Dillon; and two sisters, Stella Gauzaski of Chicago and Rita Mazurek of McAllen, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Tunney and three brothers, Eddie Czupryn, Otto Czupryn, and Ritchie Czupryn.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Joe Czupryn, Michael Czupryn, Nathan Dillon, Mike Dillon, Joe Freed and Adam Young. Honorary casketbearers will be Chuck Bahler and Robert Marley.

Calling is Friday, September 11, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services on Saturday.

John Kratzman

ANGOLA — John A. Kratzman, 57, of Angola died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Kratzman had been employed at Indiana Marine Products.

He was a member of Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church in Angola.

Mr. Kratzman was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born June 21, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Raymond and Betty (Stewart) Kratzman. He married Lucinda "Susie" Cramp on Sept. 9, 2000. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kristina Kratzman of Fort Wayne and Megan Kratzman of Denver, Colo.; four brothers, Steavin and Marsha Kratzman of Angola, Tony and Brenda Kratzman of Auburn, Raymond and Leona Kratzman of Auburn and Joseph and Theresa Kratzman of Scottsburg, Ind.; two sisters, Ann Fousnaugh of Fort Wayne and Mary and Gary Ryan of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church in Angola with Pastor Vincent Torres officiating.

Memorials are to the family of John Kratzman in care of Susie Kratzman.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

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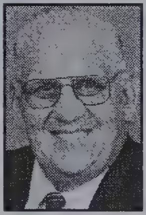
Everett Reinoehl

WATERLOO — Everett L. "Ezzie" Reinoehl, 73, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Reinoehl

Mr. Reinoehl was employed for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 27 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from November of 1954 to December of 1956.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

He was also a member of the American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville and was a volunteer for the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn.

He was born July 20, 1936, in DeKalb County to Charles and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl.

He married Carolyn Sue Skelly on March 16, 1957, at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry Wayne and Anna Reinoehl of Ashley, Charles Earl and Della Reinoehl of Battle Creek, Mich., and Alan Lee and Bertha Reinoehl of Union, Mich.; one brother and sister-in-law, Hubert and Virginia Reinoehl of Auburn; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Beth Drew of Waterloo, Alice Berry of Ashley and Nina and Ray Carter of Auburn; three brothers-in-law and their spouses, Eldon and Marlene Skelly, John and Lois Skelly and Donald "Butch" and Kathy Skelly; four sisters-in-law and a spouse, Ellen Wilson, Dianna Owen, Mildred Reinoehl and Debbie and Don Stilwell; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gene Reinoehl; a sister, Minnie Provines; and brothers-in-law, Winfred Berry, Simon Drew, Bruce Provines, Steve Wilson, Steve Owen and Larry Skelly.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Joseph Heins and Brian Wilcox officiating.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna with graveside military rites being conducted by the Francis Vineyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Reinoehl, Alan Reinoehl, Eldon Skelly, John Skelly, Donald Skelly, Hubert Reinoehl and Ray Carter.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Church of Christ, Lake James Christian Assembly or Marianne Badongen.

Hilda Boren

GARRETT — Hilda M. Boren, 90, of Garrett and formerly of Huntertown died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will follow in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services. Burial will follow in Huntertown Cemetery.

Anton Casagrande

ANGOLA — Anton "Tony" Casagrande, 86, of Barton Lake near Fremont died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

There are no services planned.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Manor

ALBION — Jack Lee Manor of Cherokee Village, Ark., died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Rehoboth Cemetery rural Albion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Lung Association.

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Theda Frey

TOPEKA — Theda L. "Dot" Frey, 79, of Topeka died at 12:03 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at her residence following a courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Frey

Mrs. Frey was a lifetime resident of Topeka. She was a 1948 graduate of Topeka High School and studied music at Goshen College.

Dot had retired from Cromwell Products after 20 years of service. She had also given piano lessons for many years.

She was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church where she played the piano and organ for many years.

Mrs. Frey enjoyed the outdoors and loved to travel and take her grandchildren camping. She was especially fond of Dalmatian dogs.

She was born January 16, 1930, in Allen County to Homer and Elma (Weaver) Ramsby. She married Sylvanus Frey on April 9, 1976. He preceded her in death on February 15, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Tamra (Phil) Gerber of Shipshewana and Paula (Gary) Yoder of Rochester; a son, Craig (Beth) Helman of Topeka; 13 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 12, 2009, at Topeka United Methodist Church, 124 W. Pine St., Topeka, with Pastor Diana Siegel officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2009, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Topeka United Methodist Church, 124 W. Pine St., Topeka, IN 46571 or Hospice of Goshen Hospital, P.O. Box 139, Goshen, IN 46527.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Ruel Wheat

ANGOLA — Ruel S. Wheat of Angola and formerly of Indianapolis died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2009.

Mr. Ruel worked for Hygrades and following its closing, he was then employed by Diamond Chain until his retirement.

Following his retirement, he and his wife, Lorene, moved to Angola.

He grew up in Kentucky and served in the military during World War II. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was born April 29, 1921, in Fountain Run, Ky., to John and Kate Wheat. He married Lorene Ford on June 7, 1946. She survives.

Surviving with his wife are two sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Latrielle of Angola and Joe and Brenda of Avon, Ind.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wheat was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Louis and Edward Wheat; and his a sister, Velma.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center — Floral Park, in Indianapolis.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Condolences may be sent online to www.flannerbuchana.com.

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Marie Shepherd

LIGONIER — Marie Shepherd, age 81, of Ligonier, died on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center, Albion.

Mrs. Shepherd

Mrs. Shepherd was born in Mid, Kentucky, on August 10, 1928, to the late Ashford and Ilant (Bailey) Smith.

She married Buford Shepherd on May 9, 1947, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and she was a homemaker.

Marie enjoyed gardening, quilting and cooking and she loved to going to church.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Buford Shepherd of Ligonier; daughter, Evelyn and Terry Long of Ligonier; daughter, Linda and Charles Kline of LaGrange; son, Marvin Ray Shepherd of Goshen; son, Buford and Elmira Shepherd of Wolcottville; son, Larry and Gretta Shepherd of Ligonier; 15 grandchildren; 26 great- grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Vanderpool of Hippo, Kentucky.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Luna and Leonard Hicks and Ida and Silas Shepherd, and a brother and sister-in-law, Claude and Marjorie Smith.

Visitation will be today, Friday, September 11, 2009, anytime after 4 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church west of Kendallville on U.S. Hwy 6. There will an evening service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 10 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Shawn Shepherd and Doug Ritchie.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Eric Murphy, Scott Murphy, Marvin Shepherd, Darrell Shepherd, Danny Shepherd, Sam Shepherd and Zack Shepherd.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling arrangements for the family.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rachel Smith

ANGOLA — Rachel M. Smith, 102, of Angola died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, in Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Rochester Cemetery in Cecil, Ohio, with Pastor Eric Piersimoni officiating.

Memorials are to the Billy Graham Association.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Wayne Hamman

AUBURN — Wayne L. Hamman, 89, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Caroline Pentico

HAMILTON — Caroline Pentico, 63, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

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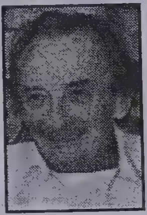
Tom Shirmeyer

PLEASANT LAKE — Tom Shirmeyer, age 67, of Pleasant Lake, lost his courageous battle with cancer Wednesday, September 9, 2009.


Mr. Shirmeyer

Tom leaves behind his beloved wife, Shirl; sons, Charley (Robin) Hanson, Parker (Cathy) Hanson and Preston (Gina) Shirmeyer; daughters, Susan (Rob) Hanson-Howald and Kate (Barry) Hanson-Williams, and Dawne (Dale) Branning, Cassandra (Sam) Campbell and Michon (Chris) Kirkpatrick, along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom is also survived by two sisters, Sandy (Jim) Riley, Ann Topping, and two brothers, David (Kristi) Shirmeyer and Phillip (Sandra) Shirmeyer.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Maxine Shirmeyer.

Tom was an avid angler and loved fishing with his lucky fishing pole. He proudly displayed his record-setting pike on the wall for all to see. However, as big as that pike was, Tom would always remind everyone that the best "catch" of his life was his soul mate and wife, Shirl.

Tom was a 1959 graduate and active alumni of Marmion Military Academy and a proud member of the National American Legion. He also attended Dayton and Indiana universities.

Tom will be remembered and missed for his generous spirit, his love of children, and his great sense of humor.

In keeping with his farewell tradition, we would just like to say, "Dad, NO MORE CHICKEN!"

Visitation will be on Monday, September 14, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, where a celebration of life will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Those wishing to make a donation should make their memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home.

Marvin Stauffer

CHURUBUSCO — Marvin J. Stauffer, 67, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2009, at his home.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, Albion, with Pastor Robert F. Yawberg, officiating. Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, or at the church one hour prior to the service Monday morning.

Memorials may be directed to the Broadway Christian Church, 901 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Stauffer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Charles Gingery

GARRETT — Charles R. Gingery, 47, of Garrett died at 4:41 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at his home.

He was born Feb. 23, 1962, in Garrett to Leon A. and Maxine (Herman) Gingery. He married Darla "Dee" Imbody on Jan. 5, 2004, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tahsha Prater of Auburn; four sons, Charles Gingery Jr., Kaleb Gingery, Jerry Horn and James Morris, all of Garrett; three brothers, David Gingery of Garrett, Anthony Gingery of South Whitley and Michael Gingery of Michigan City; two sisters, Maria Lund, Vancouver, Wash., and Rosie Gingery of Gensure, Va.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Mark, Roger and Gerald Gingery.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

Send condolences to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Robert Czupryn

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Czupryn, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 10:05 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Czupryn

Mr. Czupryn had lived in the Kendallville area since 1958, coming from Martinsville. He graduated from Hirsch High School in Chicago where he was one of their best football players. He received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University and his master's degree from Indiana University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1953 to 1955 and was stationed in Germany.

He was a teacher for 36 years, with one and one half years spent in Martinsville. For the remainder of his career, he taught industrial arts at Kendallville Middle School and building trades at East Noble High School. He also was a drivers' education teacher and taught one year of physical education while at East Noble.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, Alpha Sigma Phi, and the Indiana State Teachers Association.

He enjoyed woodworking, tennis, golf, watching football, and spending 16 winters in Florida. He always looked forward to his Wednesday night card club. He and his wife enjoyed traveling across the U.S. and overseas.

He was born November 25, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, to Stanley and Lucy (Novak) Czupryn. On January 21, 1956, in Wolcottville, he married Joan Dallas.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Czupryn of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mark Dillon of Rochester, Michigan; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kurt Czupryn of Houston, Texas, and Brad and Cindy Czupryn of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Joe Czupryn, Michael Czupryn, Nathan Dillon and Mike Dillon; and two sisters, Stella Gauzaski of Chicago and Rita Mazurek of McAllen, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Tunney and three brothers, Eddie Czupryn, Otto Czupryn, and Ritchie Czupryn.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be Joe Czupryn, Michael Czupryn, Nathan Dillon, Mike Dillon, Joe Freed and Adam Young. Honorary casketbearers will be Chuck Bahler and Robert Marley.

Calling is today, Friday, September 11, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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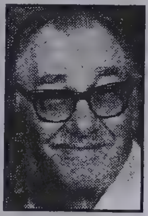
Carl Knafel

ROME CITY — Carl G. Knafel, 90, of Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Knafel was a self-employed carpenter and stone mason.


Mr. Knafel

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276, Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Wolf Lake to Arthur and Elsie (Emmen) Knafel. He married Bonnie Wray on Jan. 1, 1940, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 1972. He then married Carol (Ross) Wirick on July 10, 1973, in Hayward, Wis. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and John Holsinger of Wolcottville and Connie and Clairdon Strater of Garrett; a son, Terry Knafel of Indianapolis; a stepson, Jack Wirick of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Applegate of Albion; and one brother, Ed Knafel of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bette Meier and Viola Young; two brothers, Kenny Knafel and Harlan "Bud" Knafel; and a stepdaughter, Evelyn Fortman.

Funeral services and Masonic Lodge services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

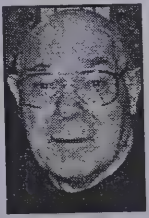
Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Nelson

GARRETT — Donald D. Nelson, 88, of Garrett died Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at Parkview Hospital. Born June 22, 1921, in Butler, he was the son of the late Ernest and Edna Nelson.


Mr. Nelson

He was a WWII Navy veteran and had worked at Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry for 20 years retiring in 1983.

He is survived by four daughters, Judy Day and Deanna Shafer, both of Garrett, and Sharon Mudd and Brenda Nelson, both of Shreveport, La.; a son, Donald G. Nelson of Auburn; sisters, Betty Pring of Tacoma, Wash., and Bev Stall of Kendallville; his grandchildren, Ronald Shover, Donald Shover, Laura Knox, Amy Baker, Melissa Geeting, Tammy Sumner, Charles Vasquez, Sabrina Nelson, Telicia Nelson, John Nelson and Rebecca Nelson; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Gene Nelson; and a sister, Jeanette Nelson.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be today, Friday, Sept. 11, from 2-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home Saturday.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book, or send a condolence, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Annabelle Bender

CHURUBUSCO — Annabelle Bender, 95, of New Haven and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at her home.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Caroline Pentico

HAMILTON — Caroline Pentico, 63 years, of Hamilton, died Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in her residence after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Mrs. Pentico

Caroline was born on August 5, 1946, in Richland Township, Indiana, the daughter of Lee Raymond and Treva Wilma (Riebeshl) Gill. She married James S. Pentico on January 12, 1963, in Angola, Indiana.

Caroline was a cook at Roger's Harvest House for 15 years, retiring due to a disability in 2007.

She loved to cook and experiment with different recipes.

Surviving are her husband, James of Hamilton; two daughters, Angela (Terry) Harr of Ashley, Indiana, and Nina (Stacy) Hagerty of Hamilton, Indiana; one son, Steve Pentico and his companion, Tammera Rasler, of Fremont, Indiana; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Gloria Steckley of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, and Geneva (Samuel) Hull of Orland, Indiana; two half brothers, John (Nancy) Gill of Sturgis, Michigan, and Harvey (Mae) Gill of Steubenville, Indiana.

Her parents, a daughter, Sharon, a sister, Penny Conley and brother, Butch Gill, preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Caroline Pentico will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2009, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Ernie Beal officiating.

Private interment will take place in Eddy Cemetery, rural Hamilton.

Visitation for Caroline will begin at 2 p.m. Monday and continue until the time of the service at 5 p.m.

Memorials in the name of Caroline Pentico may be given to the Cameron Hospice of Cameron Hospital, Angola, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent and the online guest register signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Arthur Cobbs

AUBURN — Arthur J. Cobbs, 85, of Auburn died Friday, September 11, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Duane Grady officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett with graveside military rites being conducted by the Francis Vineyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Wayne Hamman

AUBURN — Wayne L. Hamman, 89, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Hamman

He was the owner and manager of Dailey Motor Sales in Auburn for several years, retiring on April 11, 1985.

He served in the U.S. Navy serving during World War II.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was born May 16, 1920, in Waterloo to Ralph J. and Doris O. (Collins) Hamman. He married Wava Dailey on July 7, 1941, in Auburn. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Sherry Hamman of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Doris Hamman of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a stepmother-in-law, Freida Dailey of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Wilma Kerin.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St, Auburn, with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside military rites being conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

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Marvin Stauffer

CHURUBUSCO — Marvin J. Stauffer, 67, a resident of Churubusco, died unexpectedly at 10:20 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at the family residence after collapsing from the results of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Stauffer

Mr. Stauffer was born near Grabill on May 30, 1942, a son of Roy William and Lillian Amelia (Hollinger) Stauffer, and spent his formative years on the family farm there. On April 15, 1960, he was married to Lois A. Griggs and moved to Churubusco from Grabill in 1967. She preceded him in death on November 10, 1968.

He was the owner and operator of Marv's Paint Shop in Churubusco for 23 years, and retired in 2007 as a press operator for Federal Mogul in Avilla after 15 years. He had a natural aptitude for mechanics and for building things, and especially enjoyed John Deere farm equipment.

He attended the Broadway Christian Church in Fort Wayne.

He was married in Fort Wayne on December 20, 1986 to Linda (Hinkson) Scott. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Billy Douglas Stauffer of Fort Wayne, Cheri ("Spider") Edgar of St. Joe, Chester Roy (Debbie) Stauffer of Churubusco, Colleen R. (Dan) Doberstein of South Whitley, Curtis W. (Dawn) Stauffer of Churubusco, Kristi N. (Doug) Tester of Huntertown, James Marvin Stauffer of Churubusco, John E. (Kari) Scott of New Haven and Donna (Reynold) Yordy of Thompson's Station, Tenn; and two brothers, DuWayne W. Stauffer of Spencerville and Larry A. (Linda) Stauffer of New Haven. There are 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his first wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth Stauffer, and by a sister-in-law, Betty Stauffer.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2009, at the Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. 33, Albion, with Pastor Robert F. Yawberg officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service Monday morning.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Broadway Christian Church, 901 Broadway, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Stauffer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Jerry Nuzum

HUDSON — Jerry L. Nuzum, 75, of Hudson died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009, at his home.

Mr. Nuzum retired after serving 35 years as a carpenter.

He was a member of the Carpenter's Union in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 18, 1934, in Moorehead, Iowa, to Leslie and Myrtle (Hanson) Nuzum.

Surviving are his mother, Myrtle Nuzum of Decatur; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Pam Nuzum of Hudson, Fla.; a daughter, Lanette Ciampi of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister, Judy Brown of Decatur; and a granddaughter, Jaclyn Nuzum of Hudson, Fla.

Private services will be held.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Stump

LAGRANGE — Carol A. Stump, 63, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Fred Ott

LIGONIER — Fred A. Ott, 88, of Ligonier died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at his home.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, with burial in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Send condolences online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Houlton 'just liked people'

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Alice Houlton, foreground, was a friendly, outgoing person who was always sincerely interested in what and how others were doing. Her children are Mary Lou Grisham, Jerry Houlton and Paul Houlton.

HAMILTON — Alice Houlton, more than anything, loved being around people.

Houlton, who worked as a neighborhood columnist for the Steuben Republican and other papers, died Saturday, Sept. 5, in Angola.

Houlton, who lived close to her entire 98 years in rural Hamilton, would make every effort to keep track of what was going on with her friends and neighbors, daughter Mary Lou Grisham said.

"Anything she could do to get her nose in," Grisham said. "She'd have people call her at all hours of the day, and she'd spend hours on the phone with them. She'd always be meeting and talking with the people she'd write about."

In addition to her newspaper work, Houlton also belonged to a number of civic groups, which Grisham said helped to keep her involved in the community. Houlton was a member of the Pythian Sisters for more than 50 years, where she'd held every office possible, as well as the DeKalb County Home Economics Club. "She enjoyed the social aspects of these things. She did a lot of these things just to socialize," Grisham said.

Her mother would also make trips to nursing homes in the area and to the county farm to cook meals, which was also a part of the home economics club's activities, Grisham said. Houlton also worked on collection boards and as a census taker. "She felt like it was a civic duty, but it also allowed her to go out and talk to more people," Grisham said.

Son Paul Houlton said he thought his mother's outgoing nature was a a result of wanting to show her faith.

"She loved Jesus and loved to be around people to share that faith," he said. "She knew everyone in about three counties, mainly through church and other community things she'd done. And she'd been around there forever."

Son Jerry Houlton said his mother "just liked people."

"She was just very interested what people were doing and the things they were up to," he said. "She'll be missed dearly.

Grisham said her mother and father, Claude Houlton, had a particular love for camping and the outdoors as well.

"My dad and his family all went camping before they were married, so when we were growing up we would always spend a lot of time around the different lakes in Steuben County. Later on, after they retired, they branched out, they'd go to Michigan and Kentucky." Grisham said her father got the whole family into fishing.

Grisham said her mother's love for the outdoors probably came from her 55 year marriage, but that she really did get into camping. "When the weekends came, as long as they could, they were gone," she said. "Even if it was just a normal two-day weekend, they'd go somewhere."

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Matthew Fugate

GOSHEN — Matthew Robert Fugate, 9, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at home. Matthew was born Oct. 8, 1999 in Fort Wayne to Adam Robert and Stacy Jo (Dickison) Fugate. He was a fourth grade student at Heritage Intermediate School in Middlebury, Indiana.

Matthew Fugate

Matthew loved to fish, go tubing, ride his bike, play games on his computer and was very artistic.

Surviving are his parents, Adam R. and Stacy Jo (Dickison) Fugate of Goshen; a brother, Andrew J. Fugate at home; maternal grandparents Bob and Nancy Dean of Angola and Steven E. and Robbi Dickison of Garrett, IN; paternal grandparents Cecil and Debbie J. Fugate of Hamilton, IN; maternal great-grandparents Robert and Norma Dickison of Garrett, IN, Rosemary J. Eberly of Fremont, IN and Loyce Dean of Montpelier, OH; paternal great-grandparents Robert and Norma Womack of Auburn, IN and Nora Black of Hamilton, IN.

Matthew was preceded in death by two maternal great-grandparents, Clifton D. Eberly and Frank Dean, and a paternal great-grandfather, Kenneth Black. Also surviving are many aunts,uncles and cousins.

Visitation for Matthew will be on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 108 S. West Street, Angola. Services will be on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Circle Hill Cemetery Angola.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Friends may sign a guest register and send condolences to hejohnsonfh.com.

Fred Ott

LIGONIER — Fred A. Ott, 88, of Ligonier, died at 2:30 a.m. September 11, 2009, in his home, after a four month battle with cancer.

Mr. Ott was retired from Becker's Heating, Plumbing and Electrical. He served his country in the United States Army during World War II and was held as a prisoner of war for 19 months, for which was awarded the POW medal. He was also a recipient of a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Mr. Ott

He was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 243 and the VFW.

He was born March 28, 1921, in Elkhart County, to Ivan and Faye Stoner Ott. He married Jean Boyd in 1945. She survives.

He also is survived by two sons, Wayne Ott of Syracuse and Steven (Diane) Ott of Vermilion, Ohio; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Byron Kaiser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Sunday, September 13 at 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, IN 46767, or Goshen Center for Cancer Care, 200 High Park Avenue, Goshen, IN 46572.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Arthur Cobbs

AUBURN — Arthur J. Cobbs, 85, of Auburn died Friday, September 11, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn

Mr. Cobbs was a truck driver for the Howard Sober Company in Fort Wayne, retiring in November of 1982. He was also a DeKalb County farmer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville and the Teamsters Local 414.

He was born March 14, 1924, in Kendallville to Harley and Emma (DeBrian) Cobbs. He married Martha Eileen Biddle on Oct. 29, 1948, in the Cedar Lake parsonage, and she died Aug. 10, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Arthur Eugene and Marlene Cobbs of Chesterton, and Steven Brent Cobbs of Auburn; two daughters, Judy Kay Varnau of Bunker Hill, and Cathy Ann Cobbs of Kokomo; one brother and a sister-in-law, Carl and Pat Cobbs of Corunna; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Esther Andrus of St. George, Utah, Eleanor Fee of Waterloo, and Shirley and David Ely of Waterloo; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers, Cleo Cobbs, Jack Cobbs, Harley Cobbs Jr., and Delbert Cobbs.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Duane Grady officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett with graveside military rites being conducted by the Francis Vineyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 of Kendallville.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Dearl Melton

HOWE — Dearl W. Melton, 51, of Howe died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at 4:55 a.m. at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Mark Sargent

KENDALLVILLE — Mark E. Sargent, 60, of Kendallville died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 in the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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Marilyn Wilt

WOLCOTTVILLE — Marilyn Wilt, 70, of Wolcottville died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 in her home on Dallas Lake.

Mrs. Wilt

Mrs. Wilt was a retired Registered Nurse. She had worked at Caylor-Nickel Hospital in Bluffton and McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She was the former Director of Nurses at LaGrange Hospital, health occupations instructor at Lakeland High School, and nurse for the LaGrange County Association of Retarded Citizens.

She was a 30-year volunteer for the American Heart Association serving as the memorials chairman. She also was the LaGrange County volunteer at the master gardener program in Allen County, and served as a Westview School Corporation Board member for eight years.

She was a member of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing Alumni and the Wolcottville United Methodist Church. She was an associate member of the South Pasedena Community Church, in South Pasedena, Florida, and the Wolcottville Athena Club.

She was born Feb. 7, 1939 in Zanesville to Goodrich and Esther (Robinson) Cunningham. On Sept. 21, 1963 in Liberty Center, she married Ralph R. Wilt Jr. He survives at Dallas Lake.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Curt Castetter of Jacksonville, Florida; a son-in-law, Terry Spradlin of Greenwood; three stepchildren, David Wilt of Tucson, Arizona, Deborah and Michael Barrett of McCordsville, and Elizabeth Shaw of Leo; four grandchildren, Chandler Castetter, Christian Castetter, Joshua Spradlin and Abigail Spradlin; seven step-grandchildren, Kyle Wilt, Krystal Wilt, Lauren Barrett, Jennifer Koehneke, Julia Garcia, Jonathan Stults, and Alexandria Shaw; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kay Cunningham of Ruskin, Florida, and Marjorie and John Jones of Warren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Philip and Lee Cunningham of Ruskin, Florida.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kerry Spradlin on February 20, 2009, and her parents.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at 11 a.m. in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, with Rev. Jack Thomas officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, from 3 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Conrad Osborn

AVILLA — Conrad "Bud" Osborn, 83, passed away Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at his son's home in Avilla.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Harry M. and Mabel L. (Hays) Osborn who preceded him in death.

Mr. Osborn

Bud worked with his son Gary at at Osborn Harley in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He was a devoted father and grandfather and enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles.

He is survived by his son Gary and his wife Ginger Osborn of Avilla; three grandsons; Cody, Jake and Joe; a granddaughter, Toni; and a great-granddaughter, Allie Paige.

Conrad was preceded in death by, in addition to his parents, his wife, Mary L. Osborn, on Sept. 10, 1981; and two brothers, Milton and Harry Jr. Osborn.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4218 Hobson Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Marguerite Harter

ANGOLA — Marguerite M. Harter, 94, of Angola died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harter was a clerk and seamstress at Harmon's Dress Shop and worked in the cafeteria at Angola High School. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo; the Angola Women of the Moose; and several bridge clubs. She loved her garden, especially her roses.

She was born April 27, 1915, in DeKalb County to Anthony Sr. and Margaret (Blomeke) Ellert. They preceded her in death. On June 22, 1946, she married Lewis Harter, who preceded her in death in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Harter of Angola; a granddaughter, Heather Harter of Orleans, Vt.; and a brother, Herman Ellert of Waterloo.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Donald Harter, in 2009; and four brothers, Augustine, Harold, Gilbert and Anthony Jr. Ellert.

A funeral Mass will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with a rosary service there at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Clinton Brick Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Annabelle Bender

NEW HAVEN — Annabelle Bender, 95, formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, at her residence in New Haven following a brief illness.

Graveside services will be at 11 a. m. Thursday at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Interment will follow. There will be no calling hours.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Mark Sargent

KENDALLVILLE — Mark E. Sargent, 60, of Kendallville died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, in the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Graveside services will be Thursday, Sept 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. Central Daylight Time at the Elmwood Cemetery, 1413 169th Street, Hammond.

Calling will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Blood Bank, 1212 East California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

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Jones Parker

WATERLOO —Jones David Parker, 60, of Waterloo died on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Dearl Melton

LAGRANGE — Dearl W. Melton, 51, of Howe died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Melton family.

Alma Bowers

ALBION — Alma M. Bowers, 90, of Albion died Sunday, Sept, 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p. m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be at the funeral home Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p. m., or one hour before services Thursday.

S. Ileen Parsons

LAGRANGE — S. Ileen Parsons, 84, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

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Margaret Hazelton

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Irene Hazelton, age 66, of Kendallville died on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hazelton was born in LaGrange County near South Milford on March 13, 1943, to the late Otho and Nellie Jane (Mosher) High.

Mrs. Hazelton

She graduated from Kendallville High School in May of 1962 and married Cecil Charles Hazelton on June 24, 1962, at the South Milford United Methodist Church.

Margaret was a homemaker and for much of her life she was a dedicated childcare giver.

She loved bowling and was a member of a women's team in the past.

Margaret enjoyed traveling around the country with Cecil, taking care of kids and working puzzle books.

She was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Hazelton of Kendallville; son, Phillip and Michele Hazelton of Kendallville; son, Paul Hazelton of Fort Wayne; grandson, Andrew Urick of Kendallville; sister, Agatha Stratton of Sturgis, Michigan; brother, Chester High and his wife, Kim Folden, of Garrett; a half brother, Wilbur High of Decatur, Illinois; and a brother-in-law, Cecil Wells of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Allison Joy Hazelton; brothers, Elmer High and Gerald "Tuffy" High; and a sister, Helen Wells.

Visitation will be Wednesday, September 16, 2009, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Dailey

ANGOLA — Ruth Dailey died peacefully Sunday, September 13, 2009, following a lengthy illness.

She was born July 9, 1920, in Paulding County, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Agnes (Trembley) Breidenbaugh.

Mrs. Dailey

Ruth grew up on a farm near Hicksville, Ohio, and on December 26, 1939, she married Keith Dailey.

She is survived by her husband, Keith; the couple's two children, Dale (Karen) Dailey and Bill (Sue) Dailey; and by one of her four siblings, Marie Dick.

She will always be "Grandma" to her six grandchildren, Aaron Dailey, Jennifer Dailey, Caleb Dailey, Ray Dailey, John Dailey and Michael Dailey. She was also blessed with nine great-grandchildren who brought her much joy.

Ruth will be remembered for her positive outlook on life, her love and support of family, her strong work ethic, her "get up and go" and her quiet strength. She left a positive imprint on all those who knew her.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Angola.

Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m Wednesday and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Those wishing may make contributions to St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ruth's memory.

The family wishes to thank the many compassionate caregivers who assisted Ruth and the family during her illness.

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Mark Sargent

KENDALLVILLE — Mark E. Sargent, 60, of Kendallville died Friday, September 11, 2009, in the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Sargent graduated from Bishop Noll Institute in 1967.

Mr. Sargent

He was a Kendallville resident for 35 years. He worked for Firestone, then as a mechanic for Max Platt Ford Lincoln Mercury in Kendallville for 33 years.

He enjoyed a variety of hobbies, such as drag racing, scuba diving, wood-working and golf.

Mr. Sargent was mechanically inclined and was always willing to help friends and family with home and car repairs.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

Mr. Sargent had served with the Indiana Army National Guard.

He was born January 30, 1949, in Ogallala, Nebraska, to Charley and Frieda (Morichetti) Sargent.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri (Sargent) and Dave Jones of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Jennifer Sargent-Muhleisen and Michael Muhleisen of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven Sargent and Melody Cravens-Sargent of Bloomington, Illinois; his first wife and mother of his children, Dianne Sargent of Kendallville; his second wife, Judy (Garringer) Sargent of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Tricia Garringer of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Cheyanne Jones, Samantha Jones, Nathaniel Jones, Brenton Sargent, Rylan Sargent and Elizabeth Muhleisen; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda Sargent-Parks and Gary Parks of Dyer; a brother, Michael Sargent of Hammond; and 11 nieces and nephews, Michelle Parks, Melanie Parks, Ame Stanley, Robin Stanley, Jessica Stanley, Ben Stanley, Natalie Kuplic, Sarah Kuplic, Amanda Verash, Courtney Verash and Kyle Verash.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Christopher Sargent.

Graveside services will be Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. Central Daylight Time at the Elmwood Cemetery, 1413 169th St., Hammond.

Calling will be Wednesday, September 16, 2009, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville. A funeral service will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. Honor guard services will be conducted by the Francis Vinyard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749 of Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the American Red Cross Blood Bank, 1212 E. California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Vickie McDonald

AUBURN — Vickie Lynn McDonald, 55, passed away after a long battle with cancer Sunday, September 14, 2009, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She worked at EMF Corporation of Hamilton for 32 years.

Mother Teresa said "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." To know Vickie is to be better and happier.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles W. McDonald.

Surviving are her mother, Wava (Cox) McDonald; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Jackie McDonald; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Joan McDonald and Tonya and Brad Hennessey; Ronnie Smith whom she was the guardian of; her loving friend, Amanda Hentzell; two nieces, Elyse Ogbe and her husband, Mountala, and Tracie Rathburn; two nephews, Zane McDonald and Kyle Rathburn; a great-niece; and a great-nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind. Dan Wagner will officiate.

Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorials be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Cancer Society of Northeastern Indiana.

Ada Hostetler

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Ada Hostetler, 90, of Cape Coral and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Hospice Home in Cape Coral.

Mrs. Hostetler's husband, J.L. "Tony" Hostetler served as the pastor at Elmwood Mennonite Church in Kendallville at one time.

Burial was Sept. 9 in Cape Coral.

Memorial services were held Sept. 13 at Cape Christian Fellowship in Cape Coral.

Memorials are to J.L. Hostetler, 1761 Four Mile Cove Parkway, Apt. 17, Cape Coral, FL 33990.

Andrea Smith

SYRACUSE — Andrea Marie Smith, 16, of Wabash and formerly of Syracuse died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Parkview Huntington Hospital from injuries she received March 15, 2006, when she was struck by an automobile while walking in Goshen.

She was the daughter of J. Smith of Syracuse and Christina Monroe of Albion.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Louise Stafford

READING, Mich. — Louise L. Stafford, 92, of Reading died Friday, September 11, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Stafford

Mrs. Stafford had formerly been employed as a nurses' aide at the Coldwater State Home. She had also worked at a garden nursery outside Reading for many years prior to her retirement.

She graduated from Orland High School and had attended Hillsdale College.

She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, praying and reading the Bible.

Mrs. Stafford was born May 23, 1917, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, Ind., to Harold D. and Velma (Riemke) Brown. She married Mearl R. Stafford on August 31, 1935. He preceded her in death on December 1, 1971.

Surviving are two grandchildren and a spouse, Steve and Terri Newnam of Westfield, Ind., and Sylvia Renee Newnam of Burbank, Calif,; two great-grandchildren and a spouse, Jonathan Mearl Newnam and Karen and Jeremiah Wood; and a son-in-law, Lewis Newnam.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Dorthea Newnam; a sister, Kathryn Foar; and a brother, Chester A. Brown.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with Pastor David Cole officiating.

Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Reading, Mich.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Gideons International, P.O. Box 251, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ada Hostetler

CAPE CORAL, Fla. — Memorials for Ada Hostetler should be directed to the Cape Christian Fellowship in Cape Coral, L, in care of her husband, J.L. Hostetler, 1761 Four Mile Cove Parkway, Apt. 17, Cape Coral, FL 33990.

Mrs. Hostetler, 90, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at Hospice Home in Cape Coral.

Matthew Palmer

ALBION — Matthew Palmer, 36, of Albion died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at 7:20 p.m. at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center after a five-year battle with complications from a brain tumor. He previously resided in Colfax Thorntown and Lafayette, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 3:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion and one hour Friday at the church.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the Asbury United Methodist Church, 600 E. Main St., Albion, IN 46701 or to the Noble County 4-H program, 2090N S.R. 9, Albion, IN 46701.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

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Andrea Marie Smith, 16

SYRACUSE — Andrea Marie Smith, 16, of Wabash and formerly of Syracuse died Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, at Parkview Huntington Hospital from injuries she received March 15, 2006, when she was struck by an automobile while walking in Goshen.

She was the daughter of J. Smith of Syracuse and Christina Monroe of Albion.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the family.

Carl Knafel, 90

ROME CITY — Carl G. Knafel, 90, of Rome City died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He was born Nov. 26, 1918, in Wolf Lake to Arthur and Elsie (Emmen) Knafel. He married Bonnie Wray on Jan. 1, 1940, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 1972. He then married Carol (Ross) Wirick on July 10, 1973, in Hayward, Wis. She survives in Rome City.

Mr. Knafel was a self-employed carpenter and stone mason.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276, Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen (John) Holsinger of Wolcottville and Connie (Clairdon) Strater of Garrett; a son, Terry Knafel of Indianapolis; a stepson, Jack Wirick of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Applegate of Albion; and one brother, Ed Knafel of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Bette Meier and Viola Young; two brothers, Kenny Knafel and Harlan "Bud" Knafel; and a stepdaughter, Evelyn Fortman.

Funeral services and Masonic Lodge services took place September 12, 2009 at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiated. Burial took place in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Alma M. Bowers, 90

ALBION – Alma M. Bowers, 90, a resident of Albion and wife of Virgil J. Bowers, died at 9:02 a. m. on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She had been in failing health for the past two months.

Mrs. Bowers was born on August 23, 1919 in Celina, Ohio, a daughter of Everett Earl and Fannie (Marbaugh) Shull. On January 5, 1940 she was married to Virgil J. Bowers, and lived in Fort Wayne for a period after her marriage. The couple moved to Blue Lake near Churubusco in 1940 and lived there until moving to Albion in 1968.

An employee of General Electric in Fort Wayne for 26 years, she retired from there in 1979. She was a member for over 50 years of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and was a member of the Columbia City Rebecca Lodge and the Pythian Sisters.

The surviving relatives include her husband Virgil, to whom she was married for over 69 years; a son Robert R. (Janet) Bowers of Garrett; a daughter Dorthy Ann (William) Scheurich of Avilla; her brother Everett D. ("Shorty") Shull of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Wilamena Quickery.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Kenneth Weaver, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p. m., or one hour prior to the service Thursday afternoon.

Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Bowers' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Jerry Lee Bolinger, Sr., 69

ALBION – Jerry Lee Bolinger Sr., age 69, of Albion, IN passed away at 10:41 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born on November 24, 1939 in Wells County, IN he was the son of Cloyce and Wilma (Raber) Bolinger.

He graduated with the Class of 1957 from Jefferson Township High School, Whitley County. On June 8, 1985 he married Norma Jean Birch-Hursey in Columbia City. In 1990, he retired from Navistar (International Harvester) Fort Wayne and Indianapolis, IN with 35 years of service. A Whitley County resident for the majority of his lifetime, he resided in Noble County, IN since 1990. He was a member of Eagles Lodge #1906, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and North American Fishing Club. He was also a member of the Collamer First Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean Bolinger of Albion; children, Tammy (Doug) Gunn of Fort Wayne, Jerry L. (Cheryl) Bolinger, Jr. of Ossian, Brian L. (Kaylynn) Bolinger of Fort Wayne, Shannon (Brad) Newsom of Columbia City and Noah L. (Teresa) Jewell of Fort Wayne; step-son, Gary W. (Debbie) Hursey of Columbia City; step-daughter, Tammy (Robert) Ramey of Columbia City; brother, Richard (Donna) Bolinger of Columbia City; eighteen grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Radonna Roe and Nyla White, step-daughters, Cindy Slusher and Rhonda Hursey.

Funeral service is Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Coltrain officiating.

Burial will follow at Thorn Cemetery, Wolf Lake, IN. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the register book.

Conrad Osborn, 83

AVILLA — Conrad "Bud" Osborn, 83, passed away Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at his son's home in Avilla.

He was born in Fort Wayne to Harry M. & Mabel L. (Hays) Osborn who preceded him in death.

Bud worked with his son Gary at Osborn Harley in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He was a devoted father and grandfather and enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles.

He is survived by his son Gary (Ginger) Osborn of Avilla; three grandsons, Cody, Jake and Joe; a granddaughter, Toni; and a great-granddaughter, Allie Paige.

Conrad was preceded in death by, in addition to his parents, his wife, Mary L. Osborn, on Sept. 10, 1981; and two brothers, Milton and Harry Jr. Osborn.

Services were at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4218 Hobson Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Harry R. Bogner, 80

LARWILL – Harry R. Bogner, 80, of Etna Troy Township, Whitley County, died at 5:56 p.m. Sunday, September 13, 2009 at his home. He had been in failing health for the past seven years.

He was born April 19, 1929 in Richland Township, Whitley County a son of Melvin and Editha (Heltzel) Bogner. At the age of five, his family moved to Noble County. He completed his education at Kendallville High School.

On September 5, 1953 he was united in marriage to Norma R. Gage. They made their home in Albion until 1958 when they moved to Etna Troy Township.

He was a grain & livestock farmer.

His memberships included Troy Presbyterian Church.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Norma; three children, William "Bill" Bogner of Larwill, Shari Schaeffer of Greenfield and David (Sherri) Bogner of Columbia City; eight grandchildren, Kory, Kassie & Kyle Vanderford, Jeremy, Christopher & Brenden Bogner, and Brooke & Ryan Bogner; a great grandson, Aden Garrison; a sister, Virginia Bogner of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Earlin Bogner of West Lafayette and Glenn Bogner of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sara A. Bogner; a brother, Raymond Bogner; and a sister, Mary Muesing.

The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The burial will be in Troy Presbyterian Cemetery. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or American Parkinson Disease Association.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Matthew Palmer, 36

ALBION - Matthew Palmer, 36 of Albion passed away on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:20 p.m. at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center after a 5 year battle of complications from a brain tumor. He previously resided in Colfax, Thorntown and Lafayette, Indiana.

Matthew was born in Kendallville on August 20, 1973 to Larry J. and Ruth Ann (Irven) Palmer. He graduated from Central Noble High in 1992. He was also a graduate of Purdue Winter Ag School and went on to attend Vincennes University and Purdue University.

He was a member of the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church, where he attended frequently, also the Noble County Gas and Steam Assoc. Matthew was a 10-year Noble County 4-H member and won the coveted Tops in 4-H award.

Matthew's hobbies included ballroom dancing, while attending Purdue he became a member of the Purdue Ballroom Dance team and later went on to attend several ballroom dance events throughout his life. He also loved spending as much time as possible with his daughter Alice and there favorite past time was going to the park together.

He is survived by his parents Larry J. and Ruth Ann (Irven) Palmer of Albion; one daughter, Alice L. Palmer of Thorntown, Indiana; Maternal Grandmother, Dortha Irven of Albion, a brother Douglas A. (Teresa) Palmer of Albion. three nephews, Bradley, Wesley and Wyatt Palmer.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Donald Irven and paternal grandparents John C. and Florence Palmer.

Funeral Services will be on Friday, September 18, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 from 3:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Albion Chapel.

There will also be an additional hour of calling on Friday at the church. The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be directed to the Asbury United Methodist Church, 600 East Main Street, Albion, Indiana 46701 or to the Noble County 4-H program, 2090 North State Road # 9, Albion, Indiana 46701.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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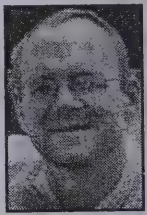
Matthew Palmer

ALBION — Matthew Palmer, 36, of Albion passed away on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:20 p.m. at the Northridge Village Nursing and Rehab Center after a five-year battle of complications from a brain tumor.



Mr. Palmer

He previously resided in Colfax, Thorntown and Lafayette, Indiana.

Matthew was born in Kendallville on August 20, 1973. to Larry J. and Ruth Ann (Irven) Palmer.

He graduated from Central Noble High in 1992. He was also a graduate of the Purdue Winter Ag School and went on to attend Vincennes University and Purdue University.

He was employed at Galema's Greenhouse and Bennett's Greenhouse, both in Lafayette, where he was nursery production manager.

He was a member of the Albion Asbury United Methodist Church, where he attended frequently, also the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. Matthew was a 10-year Noble County 4-H member and won the coveted Tops in 4-H award.

Matthew's hobbies included ballroom dancing. While attending Purdue, he became a member of the Purdue Ballroom Dance team and later went on to attend several ballroom dance events throughout his life.

He also loved spending as much time as possible with his daughter, Alice. Their favorite past time was going to the park together.

He is survived by his parents, Larry J. and Ruth Ann (Irven) Palmer of Albion. Also surviving is a daughter, Alice L. Palmer of Thorntown, Indiana; maternal grandmother, Dortha Irven of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas A. and Teresa Palmer of Albion; and three nephews, Bradley, Wesley and Wyatt Palmer.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Donald Irven, and his paternal grandparents, John C. and Florence Palmer.

Funeral services will be on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate. Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Visitation will be held today, Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 3:30-8:30 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion.

There will also be an additional hour of calling on Friday at the church.

The family suggests memorials in lieu of flowers be directed to the Asbury United Methodist Church, 600 E. Main St., Albion, IN 46701 or to the Noble County 4-H program, 2090 North S. R. 9, Albion, IN 46701.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Clela Stayner

BUTLER — Clela May Stayner, 81, of Butler died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling.

The Midwest Cremation Society and Memorial Chapel in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Lee Freed, 64, of Lafayette and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Frank Leighty

KENDALLVILLE — Frank Leighty, 82, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Moose Lodge 1301 of Kendallville will conduct services at 7:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Marilyn Bess

MILFORD — Marilyn L. Bess, 76, of Milford, died at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at her home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wawasee Heights Baptist Church, 504 S. Syracuse-Webster Road, Syracuse, with calling Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

John Gould

PLEASANT LAKE — John F. Gould, 64, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Kenny Binkley officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Carol Stump

LAGRANGE — Carol A. Stump, 63, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Riverside Cemetery in Howe, with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Kenneth Wolfe

MESA, Ariz. — Kenneth Wolfe, 95, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Auburn, died Aug. 2, 2009, in Mesa.

Services took place Aug. 10 at Weeping Water, Neb.

THE NEWS SUN
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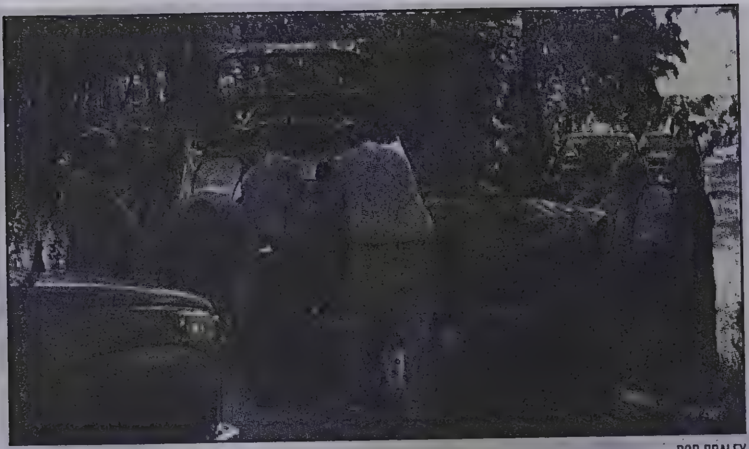
Albion woman dies in crash



BOB BRALEY

A wrecker crew prepares to remove the crashed vehicle of Diane J. Gay of Albion Wednesday. Gay died a short time after her car left C.R. 350S near Ormas and struck a tree head-on.

BY MATT GETTS
mattg@kpcnews.net

ORMAS — An Albion woman died following a one-car crash Wednesday afternoon in southwestern Noble County.

Diane J. Gay, 58, died at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after being flown from the scene by Parkview's Samaritan helicopter.

According to Deputy Doug Ewell, Gay was driving a 1999 Saturn westbound on C.R. 350S near the C.R. 650W intersection at approximately 3:10 p.m. when for some unknown reason the car left the roadway. The Saturn struck a tree approximately 5 feet off the roadway head-on.

Ewell said Gay was conscious when emergency responders first arrived on the scene, and was able to give family contact information to police.

The woman had to be removed from the vehicle by firefighters, who cut off the roof of the Saturn.

The Samaritan helicopter flew to the scene and transported her to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

"She died a short time later," Ewell said.

The Saturn's airbags did deploy, Ewell said. Because firefighters had to cut the roof off the vehicle, investigators were unable to determine if she had been wearing her seat belt.

The Allen County Coroner's Office told local investigators it would talk to physicians at Parkview Hospital before determining if an autopsy was necessary.

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Jack Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Lee Freed, 64, of Lafayette and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, at 11:30 p.m. in Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette.

Mr. Freed

Mr. Freed had been a welder for LaBour Pump Co. in Elkhart for 30 years. He retired from Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette.

He was born March 13, 1945, in Kendallville to Berl and Orpha (Acker) Bates.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Juan Gonzalez of Lafayette and Tammy Freed and Jaime Carrillo of Mexico; 12 grandchildren; and three brothers, Frank Freed of Kendallville, Dale Freed of Elkhart and Terry Smith of Avilla.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in the South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Herman Collins

AUBURN — Herman L. Collins, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Collins

Mr. Collins worked for the Auburn Soft Water Co., House of Spirits and most recently for the ESI Security Co. at New Millennium Building Systems in Butler. He retired in 2008.

He was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler.

He served as DeKalb County Commissioner for four years. He also served on the Union Township Advisory Board and as Union Township Trustee.

He was born June 5, 1921, in St. Joe to Charles R. and Effie L. (Reasoner) Collins. He married Lois Strombeck on Feb. 14, 1996, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Randy Collins of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pennie and Tim Gitary of Auburn; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Claudia and Doug Winn of Auburn and Kay Brown of Billings, Mont.; a stepson and his companion, Kyle Strombeck and Debra Jo Storer of St. Joe; a sister, Ruby Tuttle of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Audra Collins of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruth M. Collins who died on April 1, 1993; a son, Dennis Dale Collins; two brothers, Everett Collins and Dale Collins; and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

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John Gould

PLEASANT LAKE — John F. Gould, 64, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gould had retired from Metaldyne in Fremont.

He was a member of the Amateur Trap Shooting Association, the Williams County Conservation Club and the Branch County Conservation Club.

He was born March 30, 1945, in Angola to Frederick and Lulu (McCord) Gould. He married Carol Hall on Oct. 16, 1987. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald A. and Cherry Gould of Indianapolis, Frederick W. and Kim Gould of Garrett and William J. and Heather Gould of Garrett; two stepsons, Jerry Lucas of Bryan, Ohio, and Eric and Beth Lucas of Doha, Qatar; two sisters, Arlene Stephens of Bronson, Mich., and Janet and Bill Goldner of Pleasant Lake; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert Gould and Lloyd Gould.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Kenny Binkley officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Paula Eash

LIGONIER — Paula M. Eash, 60, of Buchanan, Mich., and formerly of Ligonier died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, of natural causes at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mich.

Mrs. Eash had worked in the health care profession and most recently had been employed by Lakeland Hospice in St. Joseph, Mich.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Eash enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born September 21, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., to Fred and Thelma (Paulus) Rowlison. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sons, Greg and Krista Eash of Ligonier, Marcus and Heather Eash of Albion and Chris and Janelle Eash of Ligonier; two sisters, Jetta Brown of LaGrange and Sarah and Johnny Knight of Orland; and six grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Allyson, Payton, Jordan, Noah and Reagan.

A private family funeral service will be held. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Public visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Lakeland Hospice of St. Joseph, Michigan, 211 Hilltop Road, Suite T, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Diana Dembickie

GARRETT — Diana M. Dembickie, 66, of Garrett died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Dembickie was a lifetime Garrett resident.

She had worked for the city of Garrett and at Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, William E. Beverly and his wife, Lori; two grandchildren; and a sister, Anita York.

She was preceded in death by her parents,Edward J. and Marjorie E. (DePew) Johnson, and her husband, Thomas "Dimmer" Dembickie.

There will be no visitation or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

William Yoder

GOSHEN — William A. Yoder, 91, of Sarasota, Fla., died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at his granddaughter's home near Goshen.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Marvin Yoder residence, 62137 C.R. 33, Goshen. Burial will be in Nisley Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the Marvin Yoder residence, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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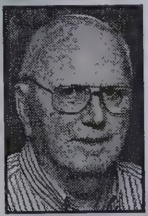
Frank Leighty

KENDALLVILLE — Frank Leighty, age 82, a lifetime resident of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he resided the past 2 3/4 years.


Mr. Leighty

Mr. Leighty was born the third child of the late Marve V. and Alice W. (Brown) Leighty on May 19, 1927, in Kendallville.

He attended Wayne Center grade school and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1945.

He married Bondell E. Gunder on February 8, 1946, in Kendallville.

Frank was a lifetime farmer and was employed with Kraft Foods in his early years and was an employee with A-1 Production north of Kendallville for 50 years.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and the V.F.W. Post 2749, Men's Axillary.

He also was a 53-year member of the Farm Bureau in Noble County.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Bondell "Bonde" Leighty of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Leighty of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Terry Hanks of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Marc Schlichtenmyer of Fort Wayne, Ryan and Michele Schlichtenmyer of Kendallville, Scott and Amber Leighty of Kendallville, Todd Leighty of Fort Wayne, Jill and Kevin Floyd of Kendallville and Chad and Crystal Leighty of Columbia City; four great-grandchildren, Laney and Levi Schlichtenmyer, Grace Leighty and Cayden Leighty; two stepgrandchildren, Robert and Melissa Hanks and Jamie and Tom Brown, all of Arizona; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Dylian, Austen and Dane Hanks and Alexander and Trevor Brown of Arizona; and a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Connie Leighty of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Marve Leighty, and his sister, Josephine Clouse.

Visitation will be today, Friday, September 18, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be a Moose Lodge ceremony at 7:45 p.m.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Thomas Novy.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be his grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Activities — E Unit.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ronald Stultz

FREMONT — Ronald Harry Stultz, 73, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Carol Stump

LAGRANGE — Carol A. Stump, 63, of LaGrange died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Riverside Cemetery in Howe, with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Sharon Muncy

FORT WAYNE — Sharon S. Muncy, 71, of Fort Wayne passed away Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Muncy

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., she was a homemaker.

She graduated from Huntertown High School and attended IPFW.

She was a member of St. Vincent Catholic Church, volunteered for St. Mary's Warehouse and Soup Kitchen and the Christ Child Society.

She was an avid Bridge player and loved to play golf at the Pine Valley Country Club where she was a longtime member.

She is survived by her sons, Gregory K. (Sue) Muncy of Fort Wayne, Bradley M. (Theresa) Muncy of Spencerville and Todd M. Muncy of East Brunswick, N.J.; her grandchildren, Jade, Jackson, Kyle, Kayla and Kaylene; her sisters, Gloria J. (Dean) Weilbaker and Judy A. (George) Gandolfo, all of Fort Wayne; her brothers,Thomas W. Landin, and Dennis L. Landin, all of Fort Wayne; and lots of loving nieces and nephews.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph Landin and Marciel Landin.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with calling one hour prior. Father John Kuzmich will officiate.

Calling will also be from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with a rosary at 3:30 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Christ Child Society or Masses to the church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

William Ogle Jr.

AUBURN — William David Ogle Jr., 87, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Wingfield and Deacon Phil Rittner officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity Inc., 101 N. Main St., Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Vickie Rinehart

AUBURN — Vickie Lynn Rinehart, 55, of Auburn and formerly of California passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She was born Jan. 26, 1954, in Angola.

She was a graduate of DeKalb High School, class of 1972. She lived in California and was a graphic artist running her own Internet business since 1999.

She had a passion for the welfare of all animals.

Recently she moved back to Auburn to be near her family due to illness.

Survivors included her mother, Marjorie Winebrenner of Auburn; two sisters, Dr. Roberta Boyden and husband Tim of Eugene, Oregon, and Loretta Benner and husband Brad of Auburn; and one brother, Kelley Kelly and wife Tammy of Fort Wayne. Also surviving are two nieces and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carleton Rinehart, who passed away in November of 2007.

There will be no visitation or services at this time.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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Catherine Smith

SHIPSHEWANA — Catherine A. Smith, 62, of Shipshewana died at 12:23 a.m. Thursday, September, 17, 2009, at her home following a battle with cancer.

Mrs. Smith

Catherine had been a homemaker most of her life. She had worked outside her home for two years at the salvage yard and ceramic store in White Pigeon, Mich., to earn money to accompany one of her brothers on a trip to Italy. She had a wonderful time on her trip.

At one time, she had attended the St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon.

Catherine enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was an avid University of Notre Dame fan.

She was born Dec. 30, 1947, in Garrett to James and Rowena "Effie" (Michael) Hatcher. She married Douglas K. Smith on Nov. 25, 1967, in Logansport, Ind. He survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kelly and Jerry Jantizi of Shipshewana; two sons, Darin and Robin Smith of Goshen and Tim Smith of Shipshewana; three brothers, James Hatcher of Broad Ripple near Indianapolis and John and Cindy Hatcher and Joseph and Sandy Hatcher, all of Olive Branch, Miss.; two sisters, Mary and Rod Jones and Betty Fowler, all of Logansport; a grandson, Brody Jantzi of Shipshewana; and a granddaughter, Taylor Jantzi of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, September 21, 2009, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Sidener Cemetery in Shipshewana at a later date.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County 4-H Horse & Pony Club or to Cancer Services of Northern Indiana, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Craig Myers

PLEASANT LAKE — Craig S. Myers, 50, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson.

Diane Gay

WOLF LAKE — Diane J. Gay, 58, of rural Albion, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, 1186 S. U.S. 33, Wolf Lake. Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Arrangements are by Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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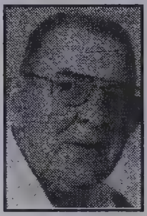
Ronald Stultz

FREMONT — Ronald Harry Stultz, 73, of Fremont died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Stultz

Mr. Stultz had retired from Simpson Industries after 22 years of service. He had formerly worked as a mechanic for many years and had once been employed at LaGrange Products.

He and his wife, Shirley, enjoyed spending their winters in Mission, Texas. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, bowling and spending time with family members, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born April 7, 1936, in Defiance, Ohio, to Cecil and Harriett I. (Miller) Stultz. He married Shirley D. Antrup on Nov. 30, 1956, in The Chapel of the Gardens in Angola. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters, Pat and Randy Brown of Hamilton and Dawn Stultz of Lake Pleasant near Fremont; a son, Michael and Karen Stultz of Fremont; five grandchildren, Travis Parnin and his wife, Heidi, Shayna and Chase Kannel and Brandon and Cork Stultz; three great-grandchildren, McKenzie and Bryce Parnin and Isaac Perez; and three brothers, Carlos Stultz of Arizona, James Stultz of Florida and Roger and Jackie Stultz of Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Rick Pettys officiating.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuenralhome.com.

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Dr. Van Meter was 'blessing' to Noble County community

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — He was a friend to those in need — people and animals.

"I asked Doc Van Meter what he was most proud of during his lifetime," said Linda Yerick, executive director of the Noble County Community Foundation. "He said being able to make a good living by hard work and then years later being able to share that with so many organizations and people in need."

Noble County lost one of its most community-minded and former citizens this month.

David Van Meter Jr., D.V.M., 86, of New Haven, and formerly of Albion, died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, in the presence of his family at Fort Wayne Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Dr. Van Meter was a mentor to Albion veterinarian Dr. Richard Carmien.

"As a new graduate joining Dr. Van Meter's practice, he welcomed me to town like his son," said Carmien. "I enjoyed many evening meals in the Van Meter household. He imparted his practice philosophy, his approach to dealing with people, his economic attitude, and his moral ideals."

Carmiem remembers Van Meter's community spirit. "He was loyal to his community and friends. Doc always traded practice vehicles every four years, and always traded through the dealership of his friend Ernie Leatherman. Other purchases were made locally when possible."

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Dr. David and Alvena Van Meter, Jr.

Van Meter graduated from Michigan State College of Veterinary Medicine where he later served on the Alumni Board. He practiced veterinary medicine from 1951-1993 in Kentucky, Wakarusa and Albion. He chaired the State Board of Animal Health for nine years, was named Veterinarian of the Year in 1981 and received the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1986.

He helped establish the Noble County Humane Society and served the society until his retirement. Longtime Noble County Humane Society member and officer Sue Abbs said Van Meter was always a phone call away and ready to help even after he moved to New Haven. "Dr. Van Meter had a calm, rational, caring but humble approach to life and his interaction with people," she said. "He was always willing to listen to

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the young and old. He shared his knowledge while striving to improve life in Noble County."

Yerich remembers in the early 1990s when the idea of a new type of foundation called a community foundation came to light. Dr. Van Meter was one of the first Noble County leaders to step forward to help. "Doc was not afraid to ask the tough questions and was eager to share the story with others in the county about the Noble County Community Foundation," she said. "He was such an inspiration by being such a giving person." Dr. Van Meter gave of his time and his many talents by serving as a founding board member of the Noble County Community Foundation from 1991-1993.

Dr. Van Meter and his wife, Alvena, created the first charitable remainder unitrust through the foundation in 1993. That same year the Albion Rotary named a scholarship fund to honor the Van Meters.

In 2007, the community foundation created the Noble Legacy Society for those who plan to leave a gift and legacy through the foundation to the charity or fund of their choice. The Van Meters were the first members. Yerick recalls Dr. Van Meter remarking about their gift, "We thought it only proper to add to this fund through the community foundation and leave our legacy so some Central Noble students would have extra financial help to attend college of a trade school. These customers and clients in Noble County have helped put bread and butter on our table for 33 years, how could we not leave a legacy."

Dr. Van Meter served in many other organizations. He was a member of MSU President's Club, IVMA, Noble County Extension Committee, Albion Legion Post 246 and Albion Local Development Board.

He was a member of Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Layman's League. He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and later Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne where he served as elder, Sunday School teacher and synodical representative.

Dr. Van Meter was a caring volunteer at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville for many years. He was instrumental in the transition from the Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street to the Shepherd of the Hill on Allen Chapel Road now known as Lutheran Life Villages. "He often told the story of helping to physically move residents and possessions to the new home," stated Lorraine Seidel, treasurer of the Lutheran Life Villages Ladies Auxiliary.

"Doc" and his wife chaired the committee that organized the fundraiser at the Shepherd of the Hill known as the Extravaganza Garage Sale. He was responsible for raising funds to finish the Good Shepherd Chapel at Lutheran Life Villages. "He was a blessing to the residents and gave tirelessly to them," stated Seidel.

Blessing is the appropriate word to describe Dr. Van Meter. "His parting comment was always bless you," said Abbs. "We were truly blessed knowing him."

Dr. Van Meter is survived by his wife of 63 years, Alvena (Kanning) Van Meter; four daughters and sons-in-law; Suzanne and Jack Sprague, Fremont, Jenny and Paul Christensen, Camarillo, Calif., Sherri and Jim Buchmeier, New Haven; and Lori and Jeff Dillinger, Brownsburg; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; seven step-step grandchildren; a sister, Delores Lepper, Monroeville; a sister-in-law, Dorie Van Meter, New Haven; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was buried in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

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William Ogle

AUBURN — William David Ogle, Jr., 87, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Ogle retired from Crouse Hinds Inc. in Syracuse, N.Y., where he worked as a mechanic engineer.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a Staff Sergeant from June 28, 1941 to Oct. 27, 1945.

He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from the Indiana Institute of Technology.

He was a life member of the Masonic Lodge. He was also a Boy Scout leader for many years. While he was living in Lake Waccamaw, N.C., he volunteered his time building ramps for the disabled.

He was born Nov. 21, 1921, in Union Bridge, Md., to William David Ogle, Sr., and Martha Ellen (Fogle) Ogle.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Olen Surface of Huntertown; two grandsons and a spouse, Benjamin Robert Clapp of New Mexico, and Joseph David and Rique Clapp of Angola; one great grandson, Christian Clapp; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Ogle of Union Bridge, Md., and Lydia Ibex of Westminster, Md.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joyce Ogle; and a brother, Charles Ogle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Rev. Al Wingfield and Deacon Phil Rittner officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be noon-2 p.m. Monday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity Inc., 101 N. Main St., Auburn.

Simon Schmucker

LAGRANGE — Simon D. Schmucker, 93, of LaGrange, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Dennis Schlabach residence, 1740N C.R. 400W, LaGrange, with Bishop Edward Schmucker and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is all day today at the Dennis Schlabach residence.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Richard Howard

HAMILTON — Richard John "Buffalo" Howard, 53, died peacefully at his home on Friday, Sept. 18, 2009.

Born Nov. 26, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, he was the son of Robert E. and Jean D. Howard.

Buffalo was a devoted and loving son, brother, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend.

He enjoyed being with family and friends, and was quite knowledgeable when it came to antiques. His sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are his mother, Jean D. Howard of Angola; a daughter, Kristi McGrew of Hamilton; two sisters, Linda J. Dayhoff of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Patricia and Jeff Bireley of Hamilton;; two brothers, Robert K. and Alice Howard of Omaha, Neb., and Michael J. Howard of Angola; three grandchildren, Taylor, Justyn and Madison; five nieces, Jenny Howard and Amy Howard of Ohio, Brooke L. and Mick Stewart of Fort Wayne, Adriane E. and Ross Kreinbrink of Dayton, Ohio, and Heather A. Howard of Illinois; two nephews, Jared Howard of Omaha, Neb., and Michael Howard of Florida; and cousins, Cookie, and the late Broor Ohlson and their children Susan and Brian.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert E. Howard in November 2003 and his nephew Christopher M. Gleason in September 1993.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials can be directed to Jean D. Howard.

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Jim Hisey

BRIMFIELD — Jim L. Hisey, 59, of Brimfield died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at 4:15 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Private funeral services will be at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Arrangements are by Young Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Jane Hossinger

KENDALLVILLE — Jane Hossinger, 90, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at 5:10 p.m. at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Diane Gay

WOLF LAKE — Diane J. Gay, 58, of rural Albion, died at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been admitted following a vehicle accident on Noble C.R. 350S.

Mrs. Gay

She was currently employed by Comfort Keepers of Fort Wayne. Formerly, she was employed by Family Dollar in Ligonier and Columbia City and the YMCA Women's Shelter in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

She was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Dodgeville, Wis., the daughter of Kenneth and Jane (Marsh) Harker. She spent her formative years in Waldwick, Wis., where she attended elementary school. She graduated from Brodhead High School, Brodhead, Wis., in 1969. She then completed beauty college in Janesville, Wis.

On Feb. 6, 1987, she was married to Kenneth L. Gay. They made their home in Fort Wayne, and in 1989 moved to Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are four children and a son-in-law, Holly and David Katzka of Milwaukee, Wis., Colin Harker of Albion, and Britnie Gay and Kristin Gay, both of Albion; six grandchildren; a sister, Judy Godfrey of Mineral Point, Wis.; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Greg and Nancy Harker and Jon Harker, both of Brodhead, Wis.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, 1186 South U.S. 33, Wolf Lake.

Calling will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Crash kills man

Three Orland residents hurt in two-vehicle crash

BY BOB BRALEY
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LAGRANGE — A former Auburn resident was killed, and three Orland residents injured, in a two-vehicle crash north of LaGrange Saturday, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reported Sunday.

Mark A. Wilmes, 26, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on S.R. 3 near C.R. 250N, LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney said. Wilmes died from severe trauma caused by the accident.

Injured were Mark H. Rheinheimer, 39, and his daughters, Emily Rheinheimer, 12, and Katie Rheinheimer, 4, all of Orland.

Wilmes was northbound on S.R. 3 just south of C.R. 250N in his 2004 Honda Civic at 3:37 p.m. when his vehicle ran off the edge of the road for an unknown reason. It appears he overcorrected and lost control of the car, deputies said.

The car then slid sideways into the southbound lane and into the path of a southbound 2000 Dodge Durango driven by Rheinheimer.

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Rheinheimer tried to avoid the collision, but could not, striking the car in the center of the driver's side.

Both vehicles were totaled, deputies said. Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

Mark Rheinheimer was transported by helicopter to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he was listed in fair condition Sunday evening. His injuries reported at the time of the crash were pain in a lower leg, chest pain and cuts to his face.

Emily Rheinheimer complained of leg pain after the crash. Katie Rheinheimer suffered bruising under the right eye.

No other information on their condition was available Sunday evening.

The crash remains under investigation, deputies said.

Assisting at the scene were the Steuben County Sheriff's Department, LaGrange County EMS and Mongo Fire Department.

Wilmes was working at Fort Wayne Metals and was in his senior year at Indiana University — Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn. A complete obituary for him appears on Page A4.

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Jane Hossinger

KENDALLVILLE — Jane Hossinger, 90, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at 5:10 p.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Hossinger

Mrs. Hossinger had lived in Kendallville since 1954. She was first and foremost a wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She also was an owner and director of Hossinger Refrigeration in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, member and past president of Sigma Beta Sorority, Iota Tau Chapter, Kendallville Business and Professional Women and Lady Elks.

She was born Jan. 19, 1919, in Avilla to Curt and Daisy (Cook) Simon. On Oct. 19, 1948, in Newport, Kentucky, she married John C. Hossinger. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1975.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jon C. and Dawn Hossinger of Kendallville and Hal C. Hossinger of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Heather and David Strycker of Fort Wayne, Shannon Hossinger of Bloomington and Brittany Hossinger of Fort Wayne; a stepgranddaughter, Alison and Joe Melton of Indianapolis; two great-grandchildren, Samuel Strycker and Monroe Melton; two nieces, Sally Sibert of Avilla and Mary Pat Bailey of Avon; and a nephew, Jack Schauweker of Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Vaughn Simon and Chris Simon; a sister, Pearl Schauweker; a niece, Sandra Bender; and a nephew, Walt Schauweker.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Steve Brittenham of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, officiating. Burial will be in the Avilla Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be Howard Seidel, Stan Brady, Paul Hoerner, Tony Mulholland, Jim Beights and Ron Pierce.

Active pallbearers will be Al Countryman, Mick Shook, Dave Strycker, Charlie Berhalter, Jim Stencel and Dr. Tom Koerner.

Calling is Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and one half-hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

To view a video tribute or send condolences to the family, go to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Norbert May

WATERLOO — Norbert May, 87, of Waterloo died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the funeral service Thursday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday prior to visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church youth group.

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Mark Wilmes

FORT WAYNE — Mark Allen Wilmes, 26, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, in LaGrange from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Wilmes

He was born Feb. 18, 1983, in Auburn to Allen R. and Becky A. (Stark) Wilmes. They survive in Auburn.

He was currently working for Fort Wayne Metals.

He was in his senior year at IPFW working towards a degree in mechanical engineering.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was a 2001 graduate of DeKalb High School. While in high school, he played football and baseball for the Barons.

He enjoyed golfing, friends, and especially his family.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Katrina and Christopher Koehler of Auburn; maternal grandmother, Helen Stark; a uncle and his spouse, Art and Anne Wilmes of Indianapolis; a aunt and her spouse, Betty and Mike Verkamp of Jasper; and cousins, Katie and Mary Wilmes, and Daniel, Will, and Sarah Verkamp.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Jack Stark; and paternal grandparents, Clarence and Emma Wilmes.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with a rosary recited at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Masses.

Eric Smith

BELLE, W.V. — Eric Howard Smith, 51, of Belle W.V. and formerly of Angola, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind., passed away quietly at home after a long illness on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009.

Eric enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a unique individual in his own right. Though his life was not understood, he lived it the only way he could. He loved us for ourselves and loved us greatly, yet each so differently. He will be missed by family and friends and always remembered.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela Shaver Smith; sons, Seth Smith of Shrewsbury and Jasper Smith of Dowagiac, Mich.; daughters, Jessica (Patrick) Paulsen of Marcellus, Mich., and Amber Smith of Three Rivers, Mich.; mother, Gisela Jenkins of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; brother, Everett John Smith of Lake James, Ind.; sisters, Kathy (Rey) Malonjao of Dayton, Ohio, Sandy (Bart) Spieth of Allen, Mich., and Annie (Jeff) Derouin of Angola, Mich.; stepbrothers, Craig and Scott Jenkins; stepsisters, Kelly Miller and Cheryl Grace; grandchildren, Dillon, Siera, Apple, Lillie-Ann and Aaliya; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at Fidler and Frame Funeral Home, Belle.

There will be no funeral service at this time, and keeping with Eric's wishes, his body will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations for funeral and medical expenses, which can be sent to the P. Smith, P.O. Box 662, Cedar Grove, WV 25039.

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Bicyclist dies in car crash

BY MATT GETTS
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AVILLA — An Avilla man was killed early Monday morning when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a motorist at the intersection of S.R. 3 and East Albion Street.

Sheldon M. Durost, 53, of the 500 block of North Main Street, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office and Noble County EMS.

According to a news release, Durost was travelling west on Albion Street at 12:13 a.m. Durost drove into the path of a 2003 Hyundai Elantra driven by Joseph Lee of Fort Wayne.

Lee told police the southbound traffic light was green for him to proceed through the intersection, and he did not see the bicyclist until impact.

Lee stopped immediately and notified emergency responders.

According to Avilla Town Marshal Glen Wills, an autopsy was to be scheduled for Monday, but Durost appeared to have suffered "massive internal injuries."

The crash will be reconstructed by members of the Kendallville Police Department and Indiana State Police.

According to the news release, Lee was not charged.

The accident remains under investigation by the Avilla Police Department.

Wills said as of 8 a.m. he was unable to determine why Durost was riding his bicycle shortly after midnight.

Assisting at the scene were the Avilla Fire Department, Indiana State Police, Kendallville Police Department, Noble County EMS and Noble County Coroner's Office.

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Dr. Robert Schnabel

ANGOLA — Dr. Robert V. Schnabel, 86, died September 1, 2009, in Angola, Indiana.

He was born Sept. 28, 1922, in Scarsdale, New York, to Frederick Victor and Louise (Frick) Schnabel.

Dr. Schnabel

He married Ellen Foelber of Fort Wayne, Ind., on June 7, 1946. She preceded him in death Sept. 7, 2008.

Dr. Schnabel was a cum laude graduate of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, and received his master's and Ph.D. in philosophy and education from Fordham University in New York City, New York. Dr. Schnabel was a post-doctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at the University of Michigan.

His professional career was of a teacher, elementary principal, assistant superintendent of education, and professor of philosophy and academic dean and president of Concordia College in New York and vice president and dean of faculty of Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. His last appointment was as president of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., for 10 years (1978-1988).

He wrote extended articles on Lutheran education and philosophy, served on multiple board of directors of service organizations throughout his lifetime and was active in multiple professional and service organizations in New York, Iowa and Indiana. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind.

Dr. Schnabel loved his God, his family, his academic life, his students, classical music, golf, sports and writing. He and his beloved wife traveled extensively to more than 20 countries after his retirement.

Survivors include his son, Mark F. (Diane) Schnabel of Linton, Indiana, and his son, Philip P. (Laurie) of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and five grandchildren.

Preferred memorials are to Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN or Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, IN.

A memorial service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, IN on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at 1 p.m. A commemoration of Dr. Schnabel is being planned for a worship service at the Chapel of the Resurrection on the campus of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.

Arrangements handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Inc., Angola, Indiana.

Cecil Pinson

HUDSON — Cecil Pinson, 55, died Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation, Hudson.

Robert McCoy

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert L. "R.L." McCoy, 84, of Columbia City died Saturday at his home.

The celebration of life Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City. Fellowship will continue from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 3 at Sherri's Place, 540 N. Main St., Columbia City.

Preferred memorials are to Elks National Foundation, St. Paul of the Cross or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Arrangements are being completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Norbert May

WATERLOO — Norbert May, 87, of Waterloo died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. May was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He then worked for Gibson's Heating and Plumbing for 17 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Company K of the 120th Infantry in the 30th Division. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day plus 3. He was wounded in service and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Mr. May was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was a founding member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 467 of Hamilton.

He was born Feb. 19, 1922, in DeKalb County to John and Mary (Dapp) May.

He married Cordelia L. "Corky" May on Feb. 19, 1946, at St. Michael's in Waterloo. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2009.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Della May of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Timothy and Dori May of Maryville, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Lauren and Joshua Ziolkowski, Andrea May and Aaron May; one great-grandchild, Evan Ziolkowski; two stepgrandsons, Christopher Hansley and Merrill HansleyJr.; one sister, Veronica Schlosser of Avilla; and two brothers, Edward May of Waterloo and Otto May of Batesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sisters, Agnes Hollis and Esther Nestle; and one brother, Albert May.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn, with graveside military rites being conducted by the American Legion Post 467 of Hamilton.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the funeral service Thursday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday prior to visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church youth group.

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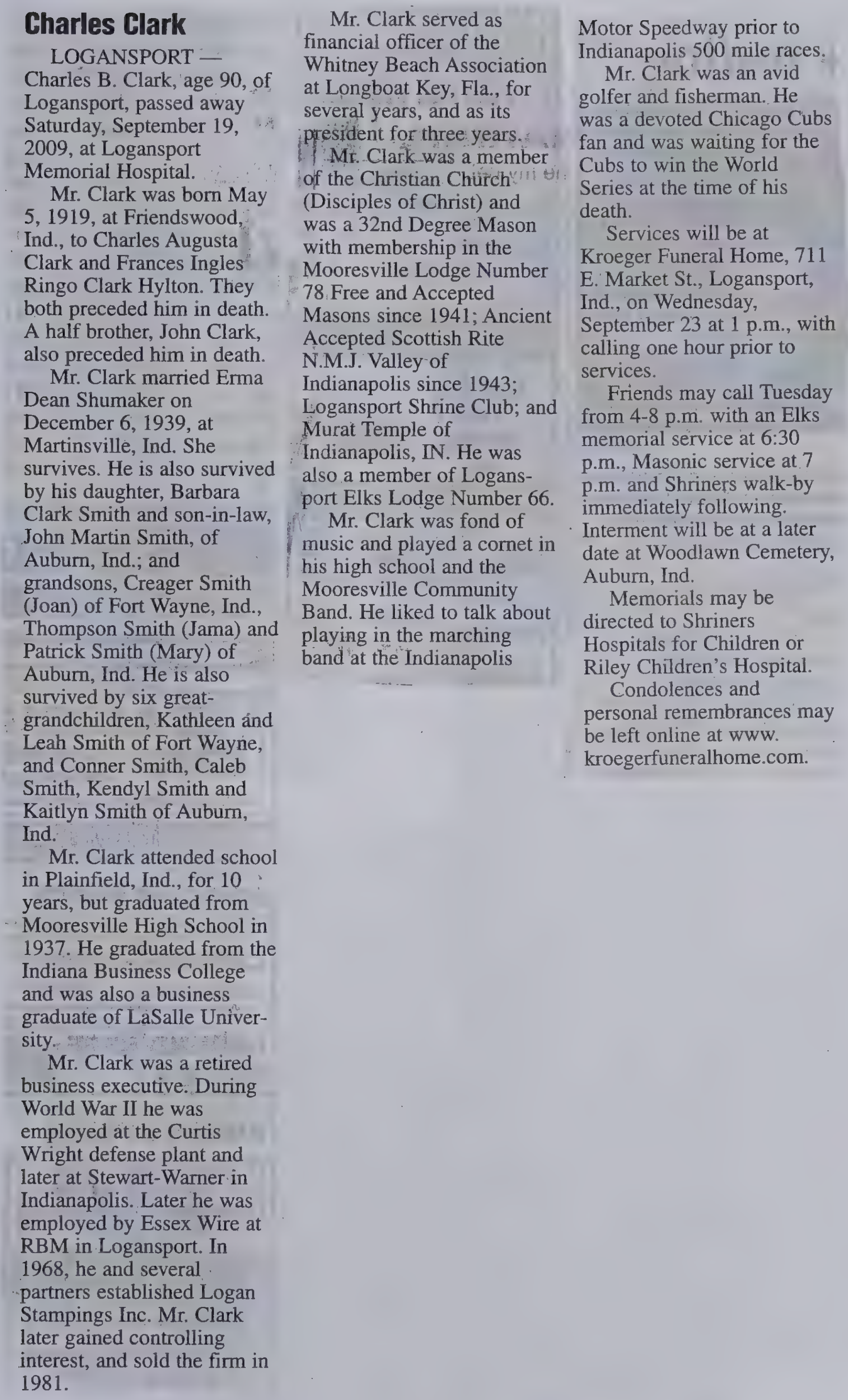

Charles Clark

LOGANSPORT — Charles B. Clark, age 90, of Logansport, passed away Saturday, September 19, 2009, at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Clark was born May 5, 1919, at Friendswood, Ind., to Charles Augusta Clark and Frances Ingles Ringo Clark Hylton. They both preceded him in death. A half brother, John Clark, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Clark married Erma Dean Shumaker on December 6, 1939, at Martinsville, Ind. She survives. He is also survived by his daughter, Barbara Clark Smith and son-in-law, John Martin Smith, of Auburn, Ind.; and grandsons, Creager Smith (Joan) of Fort Wayne, Ind., Thompson Smith (Jama) and Patrick Smith (Mary) of Auburn, Ind. He is also survived by six great-grandchildren, Kathleen and Leah Smith of Fort Wayne, and Conner Smith, Caleb Smith, Kendyl Smith and Kaitlyn Smith of Auburn, Ind.

Mr. Clark attended school in Plainfield, Ind., for 10 years, but graduated from Mooresville High School in 1937. He graduated from the Indiana Business College and was also a business graduate of LaSalle University.

Mr. Clark was a retired business executive. During World War II he was employed at the Curtis Wright defense plant and later at Stewart-Warner in Indianapolis. Later he was employed by Essex Wire at RBM in Logansport. In 1968, he and several partners established Logan Stampings Inc. Mr. Clark later gained controlling interest, and sold the firm in 1981.

Mr. Clark served as financial officer of the Whitney Beach Association at Longboat Key, Fla., for several years, and as its president for three years.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and was a 32nd Degree Mason with membership in the Mooresville Lodge Number 78 Free and Accepted Masons since 1941; Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite N.M.J. Valley of Indianapolis since 1943; Logansport Shrine Club; and Murat Temple of Indianapolis, IN. He was also a member of Logansport Elks Lodge Number 66.

Mr. Clark was fond of music and played a cornet in his high school and the Mooresville Community Band. He liked to talk about playing in the marching band at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway prior to Indianapolis 500 mile races.

Mr. Clark was an avid golfer and fisherman. He was a devoted Chicago Cubs fan and was waiting for the Cubs to win the World Series at the time of his death.

Services will be at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport, Ind., on Wednesday, September 23 at 1 p.m., with calling one hour prior to services.

Friends may call Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. with an Elks memorial service at 6:30 p.m., Masonic service at 7 p.m. and Shriners walk-by immediately following. Interment will be at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Ind.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences and personal remembrances may be left online at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

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Lynn Higbee

FREMONT — Lynn L. Higbee, 52, of Fremont died Sunday, September 20, 2009, in Angola.

Mr. Higbee had been a heavy equipment operator for the Indiana Department of Transportation's Angola Unit since 2004.

Mr. Higbee

He was a 1974 graduate of Angola High School.

Mr. Higbee enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, farming, riding motorcycles and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born November 2, 1956, in Angola to Larry and Bonnie (Canfield) Higbee. They preceded him in death.

He married Laura L. Goings on October 25, 1974, in Angola. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter, Wendy and Daniel Davis of Sweetwater, Texas; a son, LaVern and Melissa Higbee of Fremont; five grandchildren, Karah, J.D., Tylan and Devyn Davis, and Ashlande Higbee; two sisters,, Julie and Rex Robbins of Pleasant Lake and Barb and Craig Hallar of Fort Wayne; and a grandmother, Margaret Higbee of Quincy, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents, LaVern Higbee and Lyle and Juanita Stuckey.

Visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, September, 24, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Mike Cain and the Rev. Roger Dilley officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Lester Cemetery in Algansee Township, Branch County, Michigan.

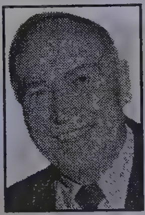
Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association or to the other wishes of the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Robert McCoy

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert L. "R.L." McCoy, 84, of rural Columbia City died at 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at his home.

He was born December 25, 1924, in Jefferson Township, Whitley County, a son of Hubert and Edna (Schinbeckler) McCoy.


Mr. McCoy

He graduated from Jefferson Center School and continued his education at Tri State College.

In 1944, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the 9th Armored Division of the 27th Infantry Battalion. During World War II, he served in the European Theater and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge/Rhine River. Decorated with three Bronze Clusters and a Purple Heart, he was honorably discharged in 1946.

On April 5, 1947, he was united in marriage with Donna V. Burns. They made their home in Columbia City until 1957 when they moved to their home east of Columbia City. Mrs. McCoy died April 4, 2009.

In 1961, he co-owned/operated a bridge and highway construction company, Heavy Construction Inc., which later became R.L. McCoy Inc.

He was a member of the Elks, American Legion, VFW, Knights of Columbus and a charter member of Tri-State College Alumni.

Surviving relatives include three children, Michael (Sandi) McCoy, Marcie (Chuck) Bayman and Mark (Teresa) McCoy, all of Columbia City; two grandchildren, Margaret (Troy) Hershberger and Daniel (Hillary) McCoy, both of Fort Wayne; and a brother and a sister, Roy "Sam" McCoy and Jeanette Schultz, both of Columbia City.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Watson and Clela "Sis" Esterline.

A celebration of life Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 3, 2009, at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City.

Fellowship will continue from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Sherri's Place, 540 N. Main St., Columbia City.

Preferred memorials are to Elks National Foundation, St. Paul of the Cross or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Arrangements are being completed by Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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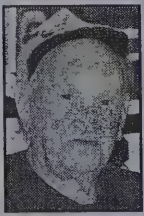
Charles Berry

MARSHALL, Mich. — Charles A. Berry, 86, of Marshall died on Monday, September 21, 2009, at Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. Berry was born on March 6, 1923, in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, to Charles G. and Della (Lahr) Berry.


Mr. Berry

He served in the US Army during World War II, and was honorably discharged in 1943.

On March 7, 1947, he married Iona Marie Fox. She preceded him in death on January 3, 1984.

Mr. Berry worked as a machine operator for the Eaton Corp. for 30 years. He retired August 1, 1981.

Mr. Berry was an avid harness racer, and enjoyed racing his horses at all the local tracks throughout Michigan and Indiana. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and football. Mr. Berry enjoyed spending time with his friends at the local coffee stops, but he especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children, June (Rick) Wisel of White Pigeon, Mich., Charles H. (Judy) Berry of Battle Creek, Mich., Dennis Berry of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Patricia (Larry) Thorp of Ionia, Mich. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and five siblings.

Visitation will take place at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 723 Old U.S. 27 North, Marshall, today, Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 2-8 p.m., with family present to greet friends from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services celebrating his life will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Dwight Gosser officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Oakridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Assistance with memorials is available at the Kempf Funeral Home.

Leave a personal message for the family and sign the online guest book at www.kempffuneralhome.com.

James Perkins

WOLCOTTVILLE — James B. Perkins, 48, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in his residence.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Rome City United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike McKinney, the Rev. Jamey Owens, and the Rev. Harold North officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Larry Custer

GARRETT — Larry E. Custer, 65, of Garrett died on Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Custer was a forklift operator at B.F. Goodrich in Woodburn for 30 years before retiring in 1999.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Custer was a member of the Garrett American Legion, VFW and Garrett Eagles.

He was born March 6, 1944, in Auburn to Gregory and Maxine (Thompson) Custer. He married Deborah L. Nelson on Oct. 11, 1995, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his mother, Maxine Custer of Garrett; three sons, Larry Stuckey of Fort Wayne, Anthony Custer of Fort Wayne and LeRoy Custer of Las Vegas, Nev.; three stepchildren, Angie, Keith and Mark Cowell all of Angola; two grandchildren; a brother, Dan Custer of Florida; and a sister, Connie Custer of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Greg Custer; and two sisters, Sharon and Bonnie Custer.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. H. Dean Morris of the Living Waters Community Church officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideon Bibles or the family for funeral expenses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfunealhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
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Jill Meyer

LAOTTO — Jill M. Meyer, 51, of LaOtto and formerly of Avilla died on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 8:50 a.m. at the Methodist Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, due to complications of a lung transplant she received four years ago.

Jill was born on October 22, 1957, in Kendallville to the late Jack and Catherine (Kreischer) Duve.

In June of 1975 in Kendallville, she married the late Stanley Meyer. He preceded her in death on October 4, 2003.

Jill retired after 20 years of service from Federal Mogul Corporation in Avilla as a quality control technician. In her spare time she enjoyed first and foremost spending time with her grandkids and she also enjoyed crafts and gardening.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Benjamin and Jamie Meyer of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Amanda Meyer of LaOtto, and Nathan and Angela Meyer of Avilla; five grandchildren, Caleb and Katelyn Meyer, Lily and Kelsey Meyer and Isabelle Meyer; two brothers, Brad Duve of Wolcottville and William "Hank" Duve of Auburn; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Funeral services will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial will follow at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 25, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the grandchildren's college education fund.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Craig Myers

PLEASANT LAKE — Craig S. Myers, 50, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers had attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He was born July 10, 1959, in Angola to Jack and Lowanda (Hurd) Myers.

Surviving are two brothers, Bryan Myers and his companion, Tonyia Sawyer, of Pleasant Lake and Gary Myers of Pleasant Lake, and several aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Independent Full Gospel Church on Gonser Street in Ashley with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Brady Pippenger

FORT WAYNE — Brady Pippenger was stillborn Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements. Condolences for the family may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Cecil Pinson

HUDSON — Cecil Pinson, 55, of Hudson died Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Pinson was born July 9, 1954, in Pikeview, Ky., to Clinton and Gladyes (Thacker) Pinson. He married Rena (Hillier) James on Aug. 10, 2003. She survives in Hudson.

Also surviving are his children, Patrick N. and Karen J. Ladd of Adrian, Mich., Clinton T. and Merissa L. Pinson of Angola, Steffanie Pinson of Jackson, Mich., and Sarah J. Pinson of Jackson, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Toni J. Ladd, Taylar M. Ladd, Jordan M. Ladd, Jackson A. Ladd, Thomas M. Pinson, Hailey M. Pinson and Caden N. Pinson; and three stepchildren, Karen Johnson and Bryan and Sean James.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Jackson, Mich.

Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Douglas Price

HUNTERTOWN — Douglas Price, 85, a resident of rural Huntertown, died at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at the family residence in Eel River Township following an extended illness.

Among the surviving relatives is his wife, Martha.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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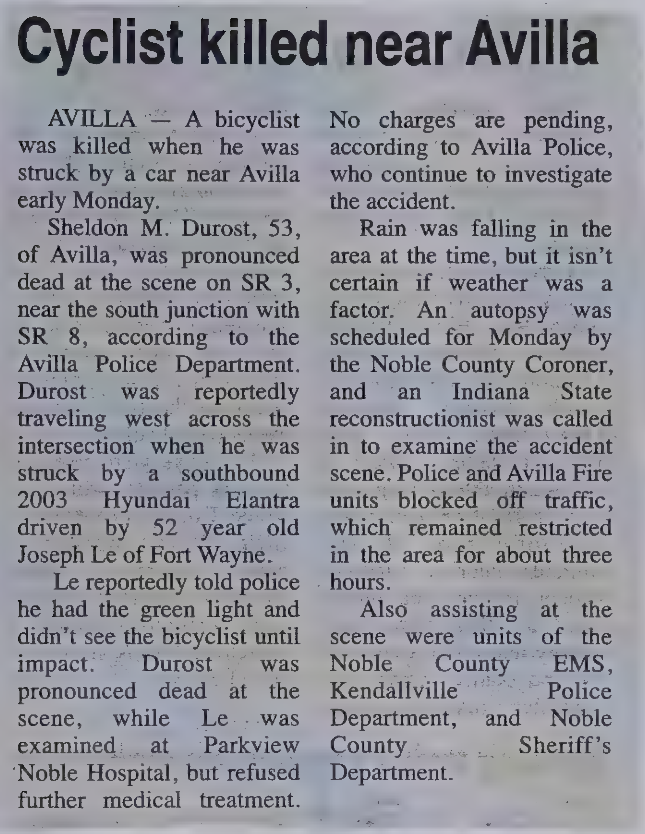


Cyclist killed near Avilla

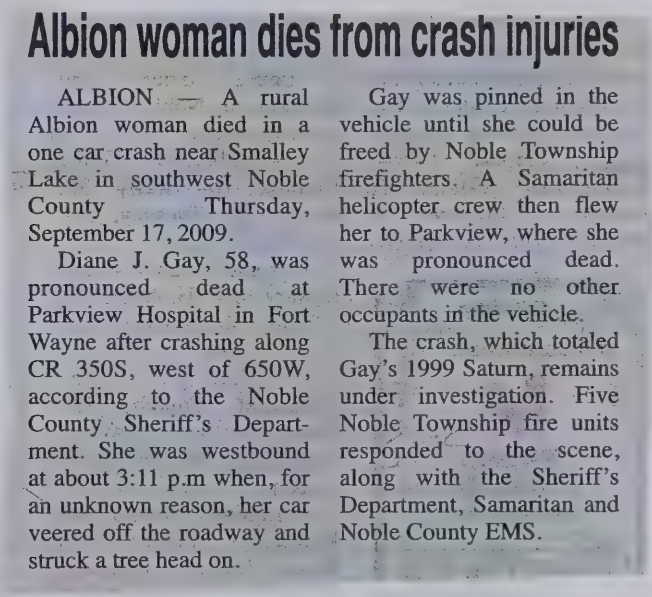
AVILLA — A bicyclist was killed when he was struck by a car near Avilla early Monday.

Sheldon M. Durost, 53, of Avilla, was pronounced dead at the scene on SR 3, near the south junction with SR 8, according to the Avilla Police Department. Durost was reportedly traveling west across the intersection when he was struck by a southbound 2003 Hyundai Elantra driven by 52 year old Joseph Le of Fort Wayne.

Le reportedly told police he had the green light and didn't see the bicyclist until impact. Durost was pronounced dead at the scene, while Le was examined at Parkview Noble Hospital, but refused further medical treatment. No charges are pending, according to Avilla Police, who continue to investigate the accident.

Rain was falling in the area at the time, but it isn't certain if weather was a factor. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday by the Noble County Coroner, and an Indiana State reconstructionist was called in to examine the accident scene. Police and Avilla Fire units blocked off traffic, which remained restricted in the area for about three hours.

Also assisting at the scene were units of the Noble County EMS, Kendallville Police Department, and Noble County Sheriff's Department.



Albion woman dies from crash injuries

ALBION — A rural Albion woman died in a one car crash near Smalley Lake in southwest Noble County Thursday, September 17, 2009.

Diane J. Gay, 58, was pronounced dead at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after crashing along CR 350S, west of 650W, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. She was westbound at about 3:11 p.m when, for an unknown reason, her car veered off the roadway and struck a tree head on. Gay was pinned in the vehicle until she could be freed by Noble Township firefighters. A Samaritan helicopter crew then flew her to Parkview, where she was pronounced dead. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

The crash, which totaled Gay's 1999 Saturn, remains under investigation. Five Noble Township fire units responded to the scene, along with the Sheriff's Department, Samaritan and Noble County EMS.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Diane J. Gay, 58

WOLF LAKE — Diane J. Gay, 58, of rural Albion, died at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been admitted following a vehicle accident on Noble C.R. 350S.

She was currently employed by Comfort Keepers of Fort Wayne. Formerly, she was employed by Family Dollar in Ligonier and Columbia City and the YMCA Women's Shelter in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

She was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Dodgeville, Wis., the daughter of Kenneth and Jane (Marsh) Harker. She spent her formative years in Waldwick, Wis., where she attended elementary school. She graduated from Brodhead High School, Brodhead, Wis., in 1969. She then completed beauty college in Janesville, Wis.

On Feb. 6, 1987, she was married to Kenneth L. Gay. They made their home in Fort Wayne, and in 1989 moved to Albion. He survives.

Also surviving are four children, Holly (David) Katzka of Milwaukee, Wis., Colin Harker, Britnie Gay and Kristin Gay, all of Albion; six grandchildren; a sister, Judy Godfrey of Mineral Point, Wis.; and two brothers, Greg (Nancy) Harker and Jon Harker, both of Brodhead, Wis.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A Celebration of Life will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, 1186 South U.S. 33, Wolf Lake.

Calling will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Norbert May, 87

WATERLOO — Norbert May, 87, of Waterloo died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. May was a machinist at Warner Gear in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He then worked for Gibson's Heating and Plumbing for 17 years.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Company K of the 120th Infantry in the 30th Division. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day plus 3. He was wounded in service and received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

Mr. May was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was a founding member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 467 of Hamilton.

He was born Feb. 19, 1922, in DeKalb County to John and Mary (Dapp) May.

He married Cordelia L. "Corky" May on Feb. 19, 1946, at St. Michael's in Waterloo. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2009.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Della May of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Timothy and Dori May of Maryville, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Lauren and Joshua Ziolkowski, Andrea May and Aaron May; one great-grandchild, Evan Ziolkowski; two stepgrandsons, Christopher Hansley and Merrill Hansley Jr.; one sister, Veronica Schlosser of Avilla; and two brothers, Edward May of Waterloo and Otto May of Batesville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sisters, Agnes Hollis and Esther Nestle; and one brother, Albert May.

A Mass of Christian burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn, with graveside military rites being conducted by the American Legion Post 467 of Hamilton.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to the funeral service Thursday at the church. A rosary will be recited at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday prior to visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church youth group.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 23, 2009, Wednesday

Jim L. Hisey, Sr., 59

BRIMFIELD – Jim L. Hisey, Sr., 59, of Brimfield died Friday, September 18, 2009, at 4:15 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hisey had worked at Frick Lumber Company in Brimfield and the Wolcottville Lumber Company.

He was born January 12, 1950, in Kendallville to Kenneth & Anna (Hofferman) Hisey.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth Hisey, Matthew Hisey, and Jimmie Hisey, Jr. all of Brimfield; and a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Waunetta Hisey of Auburn.

Private funeral services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Jill M. Meyer, 51

LAOTTO – Jill M. Meyer, 51 of La Otto and formerly of Avilla died on Tuesday,

September 22, 2009 at 8:50 A.M at the Methodist Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana due to complications of a lung transplant she received four years ago.

Jill was born on October 22, 1957 in Kendallville to the late Jack and Catherine (Kreischer) Duve.

In June of 1975 in Kendallville, she married the late Stanley Meyer. He preceded her in death on October 4, 2003.

Jill retired after 20 years of service from Federal Mogul Corporation in Avilla as a quality control technician. In her spare time she enjoyed first and foremost spending time with her grandkids and she also enjoyed crafts and gardening.

She is survived by three sons, Benjamin (Jamie) Meyer of Fort Wayne, Andrew (Amanda) Meyer of LaOtto, and Nathan and Angela Meyer of Avilla; five grandchildren, Caleb and Katelyn Meyer, Lily and Kelsey Meyer and Isabelle Meyer; two brothers, Brad Duve of Wolcottville and William "Hank" Duve of Auburn; In-laws; Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

Burial will follow at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

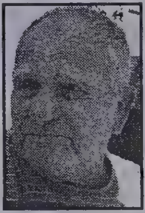
The family suggests memorials be directed to the grandchildren's college education fund.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 24, 2009, Thursday

Jack Landis Sr.

FREMONT — Jack A. Landis Sr., 72, of Fremont died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.


Mr. Landis Sr.

Mr. Landis was a farmer and had worked as a diesel mechanic at Arrow Morter Transit in Auburn.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Landis loved watching his son and grandson race on Saturday nights and enjoyed dining with his Red Arrow "family."

He was born November 30, 1936, in Steuben County, Ind., to Allen and Thelma (Berlin) Landis. They are deceased.

He married Vada Musser on October 29, 1959, and she died November 9, 1972. He then married DeNese Brown on September 21, 1974, and she died October 15, 2007.

Surviving are a son, Jack and Shelley Landis of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters, Tammy and Jeff Schaeffer of Angola, Penny and Dave Tadsen of Angola and Linda Haifley of Fremont; a brother, Kenton Landis of Pleasant Lake; six sisters, Janet Wilson of North Vernon, Jane Goings of Pleasant Lake, Emily "Chi Chi" Russell of Orland, Cynthia Allen of Austin, Texas and Jennifer Radabaugh of Spicewood, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 26, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009, at the funeral home.

Harris Hoeffel Jr.

GARRETT — Harris H. "Punk" Hoeffel Jr., 59, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

A Mass of Christian Resurrection will be held Saturday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Houston St., Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation

To sign the guest book or to send a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com.

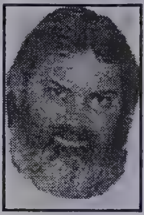
Gene Mann

AUBURN — Gene W. Mann, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

James Perkins

WOLCOTTVILLE — James B. Perkins, 48, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, in his residence.


Mr. Perkins

He was born Nov. 24, 1960, in Noble County to Arnold and Joan (North) Perkins.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Joan and Edward Subzda of Rome City; his father, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Griffiths of Elkhart, Loni and Jamey Owens of LaGrange and Boni Perkins of Albion; eight grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Christina and Ronald Tuttle of Angola, three stepsisters, Nicole Miller of Wolcottville, Kathy Honaker of Wolcottville and Deb Brockman of Kendallville; and two stepbrothers, Brett Honaker of Wolcottville and Tracy Honaker of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Perkins, and a stepbrother, Shane Honaker.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Rome City United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mike McKinney, the Rev. Jamey Owens, and the Rev. Dr. Harold North officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 24, 2009, Thursday

Rita Kime

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. — Rita Jean (Owen) Kime, 60, of Chino Valley and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, in Chino Valley.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Cino Valley.

The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 2173, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

Memorials are to Hospice Family Care, 100 E. Sheldon St., Suite 100, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Brady Pippenger

ALBION — Brady Pippenger was stillborn Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne to Aaron Lynn and Michelle Leigh (Rupley) Pippenger of rural Albion.

He is also survived by his grandparents, George and Marily Pippenger of Albion and James and Lynn Rupley of Corunna; and his great-grandparents, Milton and Roberta Rupley of South Whitley and Paul Besson of Warsaw.

There will be no services or calling.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Raymond Price

HUNTERTOWN — Raymond Douglas "Dugan" Price, 86, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Friday

Calling will be from 1-4 and from 5-8 p. m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or at the church one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or to Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Send online condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Charles Clark

LOGANSPORT — Charles B. Clark, 90, of Logansport died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at Logansport Memorial Hospital.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Riley Children's Hospital.

Local funeral arrangements are being handled by Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Richard Houser

XENIA, Ohio — Richard E. "Dick" Houser, 91, of Xenia and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at Greene Memorial Hospital.

Services were held Sept. 17 at the Neeld Funeral Home, 1276 N. Detriot St., Xenia. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Xenia.

Contributions may be made to Faith Community United Methodist Church, 100 Country Club, Xenia, 45385.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 24, 2009, Thursday

Mary Schermerhorn

WAWAKA — Mary Amelia Schermerhorn, age 89, of rural Wawaka died on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at the North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mrs. Schermerhorn

Mrs. Schermerhorn was born in Cassopolis, Michigan, on August 1, 1920, to the late George W. and Emma (Brouse) Gilbert.

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1939 and attended Goshen College.

She married John H. Schermerhorn on December 4, 1939, at her parents' farm home in Elkhart Township, Noble County. Her husband of 67 years preceded her death on March 21, 2007.

She was a homemaker and farm wife assisting her husband on the family farm north of Brimfield.

She was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church where she was active as a Sunday School teacher for many years and she was also a member of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Schermerhorn was a nurses' aide at McCray Hospital in Kendallville in the late 1950s.

She was a member of the Orange Township Homemaker's Club for over 50 years and served as the Noble County Homemakers president in 1965-66.

She was active in the Noble County Republican Women's Organization.

Mrs. Schermerhorn enjoyed hosting events and entertaining at their home.

She was an avid supporter and campaign advocate for her husband's political career as Noble County councilman and county commissioner spanning 24 years.

She was an excellent cook, enjoyed playing cards, and loved spending time with her family.

Along with her late husband, John, she enjoyed many traveling adventures with their dear friends, the late Harold and Virginia Frick. She never met a stranger.

Survivors include: Son, Roger and Paula Schermerhorn of Ligonier, daughter, Judy and Jerry Cunningham of Ligonier, son, J. David and Sue Ann Schermerhorn of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, son, Larry and Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka and daughter, Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand of Atlanta, Georgia; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, George Gilbert Jr. and John Gilbert and her half brothers, Edward and Clyde Gardner and Merle Gilbert.

Visitation will be Sunday, September 27, 2009, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, September 28, 2009, at 10 a.m. Brimfield United Methodist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Mike Neff.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Gregg Cunningham, Tim Schermerhorn, Mark Schermerhorn, Tom Schermerhorn, Dave Schermerhorn, Jeff Schermerhorn, Nate Schermerhorn and Andrew Brostrand.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Noble County Community Foundation — John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1599 S. Lincolnway, Ligonier, IN 46767 or the Brimfield United Methodist Church in care of Carolyn Morr, 8458 N. Baseline Road, Wawaka, IN 46794.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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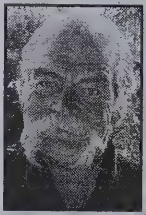
September 24, 2009, Thursday

Dennis Swary

FREMONT — Dennis P. Swary, 59 years, of Fremont, Indiana, died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in his residence after a long illness.

Dennis was born on September 6, 1950, in Defiance, Ohio, the son of Paul and Judy (Hale) Swary.

He was a 1968 graduate of Hamilton High School. He married Carol L. Stafford on May 27, 2006, and she survives.


Mr. Swary

Dennis was a concrete finisher and stonemason for 38 years and retired from Local 692 in 2007.

Denny's greatest passions were his wife, Carol, his family, his Harley-Davidson motorcycle and his dog, Sheba.

Surviving with his wife, Carol of Fremont; are a son, Todd Swary of Fremont; a daughter, Joy; two grandchildren; his mother, Judy of Hamilton; two sisters, Linda (Mike) Carrigan of Destin, Florida, and Shirley (Jerry) Fee of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Dani Swary.

His father, Paul, and one brother, David, preceded him in death.

Visitation for Dennis P. Swary will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from noon until 2 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana.

Funeral services for Dennis P. Swary will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 26, 2009, in the funeral home with Scott Saltsman officiating.

To honor Denny's request, cremation will take place following services.

Memorials in the name of Dennis Paul Swary may be given to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703 or Lake Area Christian Church, P.O. Box 299, Fremont, IN 46737

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 25, 2009, Friday

Iven Arnold

FREMONT — Iven Lamar Arnold, 91, of Fremont died Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Arnold had been a farmer and a carpenter. He had formerly worked for the Carl Wyse Machine Shop in Angola.

Mr. Arnold

He had previously spent the winter months in Zephrhills, Florida.

He attended the Flint School in Steuben County.

Mr. Arnold enjoyed woodworking, playing shuffleboard, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and working in his yard. He was well known for his past time of sitting in his garage and watching and visiting with his neighbors, friends and family members.

He was born Aug. 23, 1918, in Flint to John and Lillian (Landis) Arnold.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Anna Pauline English Arnold and LuReign Loomis Arnold.

Surviving are a daughter, LaVon and Everett Wineland of Quincy, Ind.; a son, DeVon and Karen Arnold of Hamilton, Ind., a stepson, Richard and Lois Sierer of Pleasant Lake; 12 grandchildren, Randy and Joyce Rumsey, Stormy and Rufus Potter, Jodi and Jason Fillmore, Greg and Michelle Wineland, Denise and Mike Foster, Gail and Jeffrey Hamlin, Mike and Joan Arnold, Jeff Arnold, Dion Arnold, Brad Arnold, Seth Arnold and Jessica and Chris Shanyfelt; 21 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren, Dennis Sierer and Debbie and Cary Marcotte; three stepgreat-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Agnes Elkins of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Vernon Arnold and Malen Arnold; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Amanda Arnold.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Kenton Miller

CROMWELL — Kenton D. "Kent" Miller, 78, of Cromwell died at 10:16 a.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with the Rev. Randy Miller, son of the deceased, and the Rev. Marilyn Gebert of the Cromwell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Gene Mann

AUBURN — Gene W. Mann, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Mann retired from International Harvester/Navistar after more than 30 years of service.

Mr. Mann

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Mann was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

He was born Sept. 25, 1932, in Auburn to Roy and Margurite (Koch) Mann. He married Patsy Angel on Feb. 21, 1986, in Angola. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Douglas Mann and David Mann; a stepdaughter, Kim M. Vendrely; a brother, Jack Mann; a sister, Betty Jones; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Mann.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Arthur Loucks

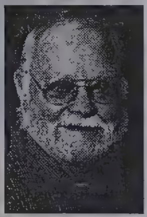
HUDSON — Arthur C. Loucks, 92, of Hudson died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Hudson.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 25, 2009, Friday

Raymond Price

HUNTERTOWN — Raymond Douglas "Dugan" Price, 86, of Huntertown died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at his residence following an extended illness.


Mr. Price

Mr. Price retired in 1987 as a truck driver for Teamster's Local after 19 years of service. He was the owner and operator of Price's Dairy for 24 years.

He was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and was also a member of the Huntertown Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11314.

Mr. Price served with the U. S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Mr. Price was born Aug. 21, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Walter E. and Mary Ellen (Poinsette) Price. He married Martha Garman on on Oct. 11, 1947, in Avilla. The couple spent most of their married lives in the Huntertown area.

Surviving are his wife Martha; seven children, Sarah (Kenny) Ehinger of Rome City, Rachel (David) Lash of Avilla, John (Debra) Price of Valley View, Texas, Matthew (Barbara) Price of Huntertown, Elizabeth (Greg) Davis of Churubusco, Mitchell Price of Huntertown and Barbara (Brad) Lomont of Leo; a sister Lorraine Warner of Huntertown; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt officiating. Interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service Saturday.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or to Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Lisa Hancock

LAGRANGE — Lisa K. Hancock, 44, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, in Wolcottville.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Ida Yoder

LAGRANGE — Ida J. Yoder, 85, of LaGrange died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence, 1560 W. C.R. 150N, LaGrange. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at her residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Harris Hoeffel Jr.

GARRETT — Harris H. "Punk" Hoeffel Jr., 59, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Hoeffel Jr.

He was born Feb. 27, 1950, in Garrett. He was employed as a meat cutter for Hoeffel's Meats in Garrett.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Gregg and Marcia Hoeffel of Garrett; his parents, Harris and Ann Hoeffel of Auburn; a grandson, Jude Hoeffel of Garrett; three brothers, Matt Hoeffel of Auburn, Nate Hoeffel of Fort Wayne and Chris Hoeffel of Garrett; and four sisters, Cande Bishop of Garrett, Holly Custer of Garrett, Deb Saylor of Garrett and Mary Hoeffel of Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Resurrection will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Houston St., Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Friday, Sept. 25, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

To sign the guest book or to send a condolence, visit pinnington-mccomb.com.

Max Taylor

HOWE — Max Taylor, 71, of Howe died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 26, 2009, Saturday

Estel Budd

QUINCY, Mich. — Estel Marion Budd arrived in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 24, 2009, after fighting cancer for several years.

He was born Nov. 12, 1931, in Branch County, Mich., to Orvile and Genevieve (Barber) Budd. He was the loving husband of Donna (Antrup), whom he married December 9, 1950.

Together they had four children: Leonard Budd of Coldwater, Linda (Jim) Glantz of Longwood, Fla., Teresa (George) Baker of Girard, and Mark (Laurie) Budd of Coldwater. He had nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and siblings: brothers, James Leonard Budd and Earl Richard Budd, and infant sister, Doris Budd.

He worked for LA Darling for 34 years and Wheeltec for 11 years, retiring in 1995.

Estel served Jesus Christ and attended the Coldwater Free Methodist Church for 52 years. He drove the Sunday School bus for 28 years.

He enjoyed fishing, carving canes, gardening and spending lots of time with family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family canes will be on display. If you have one that Estel gave you, please feel free to bring it with you in his honor.

Visitation is scheduled for today, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Coldwater Free Methodist Church, with the Rev. Nelson Brandymore officiating. Interment in Knauss Cemetery will be at a later date. Memorials may be sent to the Coldwater Free Methodist Church for the Haiti EGO Orphanage.

Lisa Hancock

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lisa K. (Boots) Hancock, 44, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at her mother's home in Wolcottville.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh, with the Revs. Michael Hamm and Randy Perkins officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Monday at Stroh Church of Christ.

Memorial donations may be given to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 26, 2009, Saturday

Carol Rash

AVILLA — Carol Ann (Mays) Rash, 76, of Avilla died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rash worked as an insurance agent for many years, before retiring.

She was active in many charitable activities.

Mrs. Rash

Mrs. Rash was also involved in numerous activities with the church.

She was a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons , Randy (Virginia) Dickerhoof of Kendallville and Ron (Anne Korte) Dickerhoof of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Ronda (Peter) Strubhar of Glendale, Ariz., and Robin Sanchez of Fort Wayne; her sisters, Beverly Hewitt of Brazil, Ind., and Phyllis Bush of Fort Wayne; her brothers, David Mays of Huntington, Kenneth Mays of Newhall, Calif., Paul Mays of Apollo Beach, Fla., and Steven Mays of Saginaw, Mich.; five granddaughters; a great-granddaughter; and former husband and friend, Lewis Dickerhoof.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Rash.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Ronald Stratman officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

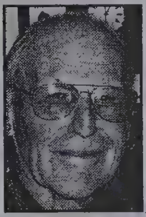
Memorials are to the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Iven Arnold

FREMONT — Iven Lamar Arnold, 91, of Fremont died Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Arnold had been a farmer and a carpenter. He had formerly worked for the Carl Wyse Machine Shop in Angola.


Mr. Arnold

He had previously spent the winter months in Zephrhills, Florida.

He attended the Flint School in Steuben County.

Mr. Arnold enjoyed woodworking, playing shuffleboard, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and working in his yard. He was well known for his past time of sitting in his garage and watching and visiting with his neighbors, friends and family members.

He was born Aug. 23, 1918, in Flint to John and Lillian (Landis) Arnold.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Anna Pauline English Arnold and LuReign Loomis Arnold.

Surviving are a daughter, LaVon and Everett Wineland of Quincy, Mich.; a son, DeVon and Karen Arnold of Hamilton, Ind., a stepson, Richard and Lois Sierer of Pleasant Lake; 12 grandchildren, Randy and Joyce Rumsey, Stormy Potter, Jodi and Jason Fillmore, Greg and Michelle Wineland, Denise and Mike Foster, Gail and Jeffrey Hamlin, Mike and Joan Arnold, Jeff Arnold, Dion Arnold, Brad Arnold, Seth Arnold and Jessica and Chris Shanyfelt; 21 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren, Dennis Sierer and Debbie and Cary Marcotte; three stepgreat-grandchildren; eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Agnes Elkins of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Vernon Arnold and Malen Arnold; and two grandchildren, Nicholas and Amanda Arnold.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2009, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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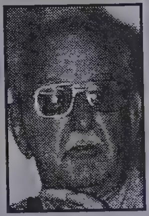
Arthur Loucks

HUDSON — Arthur C. Loucks, 92, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Loucks had retired after owning Loucks Plumbing & Heating in Hudson for 40 years and had served as the utilities superintendent for the town of Hudson for more than 25 years.



Mr. Loucks

He had served on the Circle Cemetery board of directors for more than 25 years.

Mr. Loucks was a member of the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department for more than 60 years and had served as fire chief for many years.

He was a lifetime member of the Indiana Volunteer Fire Fighters Association and a member of American Legion Post 31.

Mr. Loucks was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born May 18, 1917, in Noble County to John F. and Eva (Perrine) Loucks. He married Dorotha L. Whittig on Feb. 2, 1938, in Hudson. She died Dec. 14, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Richard Wolf of Fort Wayne and Sharon and Kevin MacKinnon of San Antonio, Texas; his grandchildren, Richard Wolf Jr., Brian Wolf, Todd Wolf, Heather MacKinnon and Andrew MacKinnon; and his great-grandchildren, Jason Wolf, Nicholas Wolf, Brian Wolf Jr., Allison Wolf, Rebekah Wolf and Dakota Wolf.

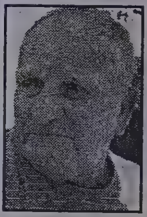
Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery at Hudson with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 31.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with an IVFA memorial service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Hudson Volunteer Fire Department.

Jack Landis Sr.

FREMONT — Jack A. Landis Sr., 72, of Fremont died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.



Mr. Landis Sr.

Mr. Landis was a farmer and had worked as a diesel mechanic at Arrow Moter Transit in New Haven.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Landis loved watching his son and grandson race on Saturday nights and enjoyed dining with his Red Arrow "family."

He was born November 30, 1936, in Steuben County, Ind., to Allen and Thelma (Berlin) Landis. They are deceased.

He married Vanda Musser on October 29, 1959, and she died November 9, 1972. He then married DeNese Brown on September 21, 1974, and she died October 15, 2007.

Surviving are a son, Jack and Shelley Landis of Edgerton, Ohio; three daughters, Tammy and Jeff Schaeffer of Angola, Penny and Dave Tadsen of Angola and Linda Haifley of Fremont; a brother, Kenton Landis of Pleasant Lake; six sisters, Janet Wilson of North Vernon, Jane Goings of Pleasant Lake, Emily "Chi Chi" Russell of Orland, Cynthia Allen of Austin, Texas, Jeannine Ross of West Unity, Ohio, and Jennifer Radabaugh of Spicewood, Texas; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Saturday, September 26, 2009, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Thomas Parker

QUINCY, Mich. — Thomas T. "Tom" Parker, 66, of Quincy died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Max Taylor

HOWE — Max W. Taylor, 71, of Howe died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Taylor was originally from Marion, Ind., where he owned Max's Friendly Corner, a full-service garage. In August 1978 he moved to Howe to work at Howe Military School and worked there until his retirement in February 2008.

Mr. Taylor

He began his career at Howe Military as Company B tactical officer and later became director of maintenance.

Mr. Taylor had served in the Army National Guard.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1938, in Fairmount, Ind., to Barney and Sue (Shepherd) Taylor. They preceded him in death. He married Debbra Seaman in Howe on Feb. 23, 1991. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Greg and Julie Taylor of West Lafayette, Brian Taylor of Fort Wayne, Rod and Mandy Taylor of LaGrange and Johnathon Taylor of Howe; four grandchildren; and a brother and two sisters-in-law, Bob and Sheila Taylor of Marion and Marilyn Taylor of Spanish Fort, Ala.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Rex Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. James Chapel on the campus of Howe Military School in Howe with Father David Yaw officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Caring Bridge at caringbridge.org or sent to Caring Bridge, c/o Donation Processing Center, P.O. Box 131447, Houston, TX 77219-1447. Donations may also be made to Acute Myeloid Leukemia research at the IU Simon Cancer Center. Make memorial gifts payable to: "TUF/Leukemia Research" and mail to IU Simon Cancer Center, c/o IU Foundation, P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0245. Indicate "In memory of Max W. Taylor" on the memo line of your check.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lonny White

FORT WAYNE — Lonny K. White, 58, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Portsmouth, Ohio, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling or services at this time.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Hamilton

LAGRANGE — Betty L Hamilton, 62, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Mason Daniels

BUTLER — Infant Mason Glen Daniels, son of Matthew and Amy Daniels of Butler, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at Hicksville Community Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio.

There are no services.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Ex-state Rep. J. Bradley Fox dies at 57

BY TERRY HOUSHOLDER
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ROME CITY — J. Bradley Fox, who served northeastern Indiana in the Indiana State House from 1980-92, died peacefully at his home early Saturday afternoon after a three-month battle with cancer. He was 57.

Mr. Fox

A lifelong Noble County resident and 1970 graduate of East Noble High School, Fox was a political novice when he upset state Rep. Elbert Roe, D-Ligonier, in 1980. Fox went on to easily win re-election five additional terms as a Republican.

He retired in 1992 due, in part, to his employment commitment at J.O. Mory Inc. He later served as a lobbyist at the state Legislature.

Fox's bid for a political comeback last year in a race to fill the state Senate seat of Robert Meeks failed in a GOP caucus vote, which was won by then-state Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-Howe.

Fox is survived by his wife, Paula, two sons, Jay and Kyle, and five grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister, Ann Fraze of Fort Wayne, and two brothers, Barry Fox of Elkhart and Patrick Fox of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brent and Janet Fox, and a brother, Brent Fox III.

An independent-minded legislator, Fox fought hard to bring

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taxpayer dollars back to northeastern Indiana. Two of his biggest achievements were obtaining the funding for the four-laning of S.R. 3 in Noble County and for the Northeastern Center's new community mental health headquarters in Kendallville. He also worked to equalize the state school funding formula, benefiting rural schools in his district.

"Brad was always concerned about the people in the community he served," said his younger brother, Barry Fox, a former Noble County commissioner. "His service as a legislator was all about taking care of home."

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Collins loved to help people

Served four years as DeKalb commissioner

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Former DeKalb County Commissioner Herman Collins spent most of his life helping people — both as an elected official and as a friend.

Collins died Sept. 16 at the age of 88.

"I know my father always liked to do things for other people," said his son, David. "He was a service-oriented-type person."

"Herman was very conciensious of the needs of the people and was always desirous of the needs of the people," said Frank Laub, who served with Herman Collins as a county commissioner from 1968 to 1970. Collins was a commissioner from 1966 to 1970.

Laub remembers that Collins was elected with a large vote on the east side of the county, where he lived.

"I think that is a tribute when you run especially good in elections with your home vote," Laub said.

David Collins remembers his father helping a family from the Canary Islands while he was a county commissioner.

"He helped them get citizenship so they could stay here," Collins said. "It's a pretty big thing. Back in the '60s you didn't hear too many people doing that."

Collins said he always asked his father why he was always helping people.

"It just gave him satisfaction to help people. That's what he was all about," Collins said.

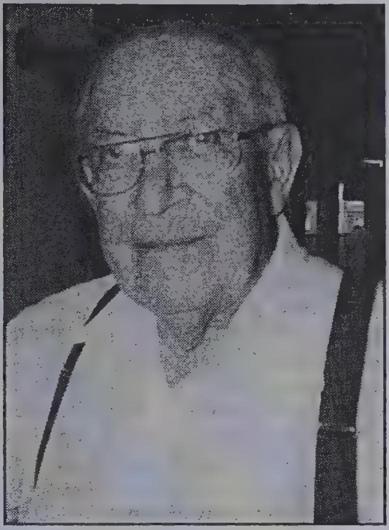
One of the biggest issues Herman Collins and the other commissioners worked on during Collins' term was getting EMS service in place at the hospital, Laub recalls.

"I'm not sure that that was completely accomplished during Herman's term or not, but I think it was, and if it wasn't it was dealt with and worked with at that time," he said. "Before that, the ambulance service was provided by undertakers, which was not a very desirable way to have it. That would be one big step that was made at that time."

In addition to serving as a county commissioner, Herman Collins also served on the Union Township Advisory Board and as Union Township Trustee. He worked for the Auburn Soft Water Co., House of Spirits, and the ESI Security Co. working at New Millennium Building Systems in Butler. He also was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe, Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn, the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

David Collins said his father got into the American Legion through the Sons of the American Legion. He was not a veteran, but his father, Charles, was.

"My dad had flat feet," David Collins said. "At that time, my grandfather was very gravely ill and they needed him at home to help take care of the family."



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Herman Collins

Collins said that what he best remembers about his father was how well-liked he was by a wide range of people. Even at his funeral, he was struck by how many people from different age groups knew and liked Herman Collins.

David Collins said one family approached him and told him that they always told Herman Collins that "if they could, they would give him the world, because they felt that much about him." Instead, the family got a star named after him.

"It touched me that they would think that much about him to do that. He was just liked by a lot of people," David Collins said. "He helped a lot of people. He was just a good all-around guy. Just a nice person."

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Crash kills Hamilton man, 22

HUDSON — A Hamilton man died in a crash just before 1 a.m. Saturday on DeKalb C.R. 11, south of S.R. 4, Indiana State Police reported.

Tyson Gordon, 22, was killed when the car he was driving went off a curve in the blacktop road and struck a tree. His 1997 Buick four-door car rolled onto its top and sustained extensive damage.

Trooper David Poe arrived to find Gordon pinned inside the vehicle. Emergency responders from the Ashley Fire Department, DeKalb County Emergency Management Services and law enforcement agencies worked to free Gorden from the car. He was pronounced dead at the scene by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office.

A police report said Gordon was driving south on C.R. 11, west of Hudson, when he crashed.

The cause of death will be released by DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner when his investigation is complete, police said. The crash is being reconstructed by state troopers from the Fort Wayne district.

Agencies assisting with the investigation of the crash are the Ashley Fire Department, DeKalb County EMS, Warner, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and the Ashley and Hudson police departments.

Lisa Hancock

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lisa K. (Boots) Hancock, 44, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at her mother's home in Wolcottville.

Mr. Hancock

In 2004, she moved to Spring Hill, Fla., and was a poet and amateur photographer. She had worked as an emergency medical technician and first responder and was a member of Woodruff Grove First United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Hancock was born on April 30, 1965, in Kendallville to Roger W. and Ann L. (Perkins) Boots.

On April 10, 2004, in Woodruff, she married John D. Hancock, Sr.; he survives in Spring Hill.

Also surviving are her mother, Ann L. Boots of Wolcottville; two sons, Chris Reade of Spring Hill and Forrest Reade of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Shannon Hancock of Kempner, Texas; two stepsons, John Hancock Jr. of Waco, Texas, and Jason Hancock of Kempner; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Julie and Mark Diehm of Wolcottville, Jill and Brad Gehring of Kendallville and Lila and Steve Bowen of LaGrange; and a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Diana Boots of Wolcottville.

Preceding her in death were her father, Roger Boots, on April 19, 2009; and a daughter, Sydney Alis Reade.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh, with the Rev. Michael Hamm and the Rev. Randy Perkins officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Monday at Stroh Church of Christ.

Memorial donations may be given to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Betty Hamilton

LAGRANGE — Betty L. Hamilton, 62, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at 10:07 p.m. at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Services will be immediately following the visitation at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Private burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Thomas Parker

QUINCY, Mich. — Thomas "Tom" T. Parker, 66, of Quincy, Mich. died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at his home. He was born May 14, 1943, in Coldwater, Mich. to Dale and Maxine (Blotter) Parker, who preceded him in death.

He married Joyce Pierson on Sept. 14, 1964, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Parker retired as a heavy equipment operator and repairman from Merritt Sand & Gravel, Angola, IN. He also worked for several other companies, including Dan Blaskle Welding in Coldwater, MI.; Michigan Aggregates in Coldwater, MI; Mike Klink Sand & Gravel in Angola, IN; and Richard Klink Sand & Gravel in Angola, IN. He also was an owner of the Parkers General Store, Coldwater, MI, from 1979 until 1984, and also was self-employed with T. Parker Excavating.

He was a 1961 graduate of Coldwater High School. He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge since 1974, and a member of the Coldwater Eagles Lodge since 1972. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed mushroom hunting, camping and NASCAR.

Mr. Parker

Besides his wife, also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Marc Scott of Quincy, MI; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Arlene Parkerof Quincy, MI; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Tyler Parker of Hillsdale, MI; Derek and Stacie Parker of Quincy, MI; Kelly and Zachery Brewster of West Virginia; Lacy and Bryan Antvelink of Grand Rapids, MI; Greg Parker of Quincy, MI; Erik and Casey Parker of Quincy, MI; Devin Scott of Litchfield, MI; Kirstin Scott of Quincy, MI; six great-grandchildren, Trevyn Parker; Preston Parker; Ada Parker; Allison Parker; Wyat Brewster; Addalyn Antvelink; and two sisters, Mary and Harold Jensen of Quincy, MI, and Betty Henderson of Montgomery, MI.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Leonard Parker, in 1984 and a sister, Gladys Greenamyer.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, IN.

Funeral service is at 11 a..m.. Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, IN

Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Michigan.

Memorials may be sent to Community Health Center Hospice (CHC Hospice).

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont, IN (260) 495-2915.

Virginia Northhouse

WATERLOO — Virginia A. Northhouse, 68, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Hudson.

Michael Bayes

AUBURN — Michael R. Bayes, 50, of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2009.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Jack Markin Sr.

GOSHEN — Jack Markin Sr., 69, of Goshen, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at 7:40 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital, Elkhart.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Daniel Duesler

WAKARUSA — Daniel Wayne Duesler, 66, of Wakarusa, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at 2:29 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

Calling is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret-Lienhart Funeral Home in Wakarusa.

Services will be Thursday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the Center for Cancer Care Patient Support Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to rrefh.com.

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Fox recalled as public servant

BY BOB BRALEY
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ROME CITY — J. Bradley Fox was remembered for his contributions to northeast Indiana and the state as a whole by colleagues Sunday.

"Brad was a great legislator," said former state Sen. Robert Meeks. "The community's lost a good public servant."

Fox, 57, lost a three-month battle with cancer when he died peacefully at his Rome City home early Saturday afternoon. He had served from 1980-1992 as state representative for the district now represented by David Yarde of Garrett.

Fox

Meeks worked with Fox when Meeks first arrived in the state Senate. "Brad was a good friend of mine. He always supported me when I ran," said Meeks.

Fox was knowledgeable about issues and was, in Meeks' opinion, one of the few in the General Assembly who understood the school funding formula in the state. He represented the people of northeast Indiana well. "He wasn't afraid to work, either," Meeks added.

Noble County Commissioner Joy LeCount agreed about Fox's understanding of school funding. "He was very astute in (that) aspect and … other aspects as well," she said.

When LeCount first served as a commissioner, Fox was already in office. "He could be expected to dig into the details of any issue," she said, describing him as a bright man who figured out how to get things done.

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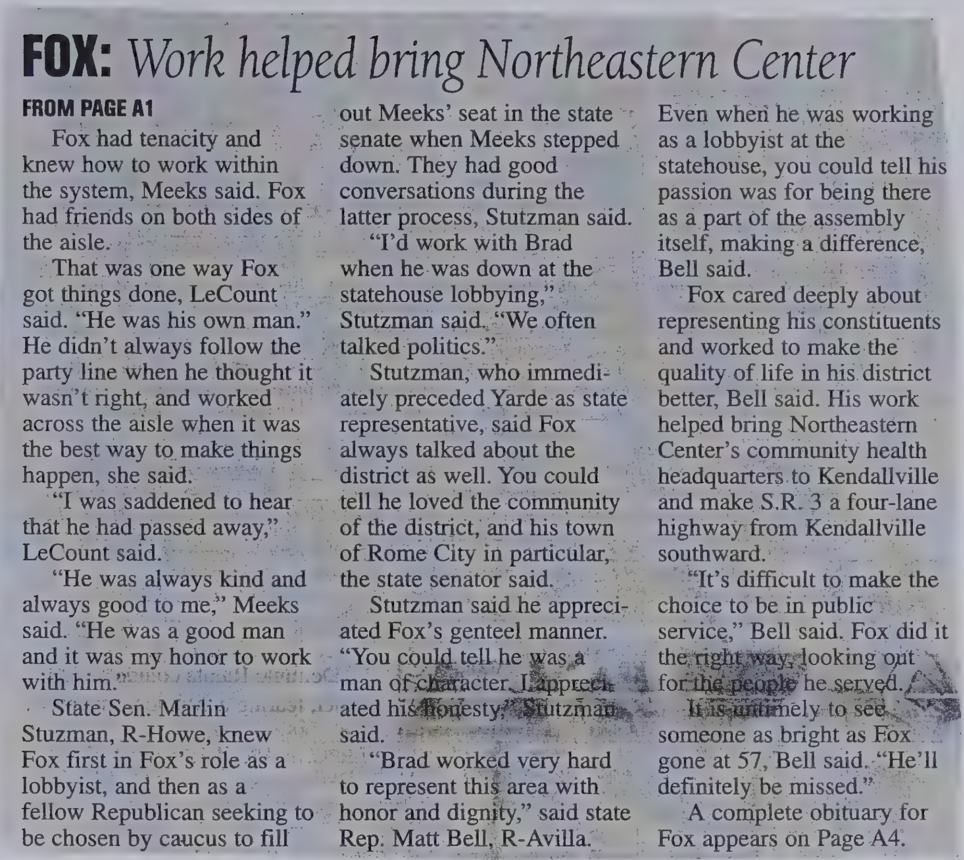

FOX: *Work helped bring Northeastern Center*

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Fox had tenacity and knew how to work within the system, Meeks said. Fox had friends on both sides of the aisle.

That was one way Fox got things done, LeCount said. "He was his own man." He didn't always follow the party line when he thought it wasn't right, and worked across the aisle when it was the best way to make things happen, she said.

"I was saddened to hear that he had passed away," LeCount said.

"He was always kind and always good to me," Meeks said. "He was a good man and it was my honor to work with him."

State Sen. Marlin Stuzman, R-Howe, knew Fox first in Fox's role as a lobbyist, and then as a fellow Republican seeking to be chosen by caucus to fill out Meeks' seat in the state senate when Meeks stepped down. They had good conversations during the latter process, Stutzman said.

"I'd work with Brad when he was down at the statehouse lobbying," Stutzman said. "We often talked politics."

Stutzman, who immediately preceded Yarde as state representative, said Fox always talked about the district as well. You could tell he loved the community of the district, and his town of Rome City in particular, the state senator said.

Stutzman said he appreciated Fox's genteel manner. "You could tell he was a man of character. I appreciated his honesty," Stutzman said.

"Brad worked very hard to represent this area with honor and dignity," said state Rep. Matt Bell, R-Avilla. Even when he was working as a lobbyist at the statehouse, you could tell his passion was for being there as a part of the assembly itself, making a difference, Bell said.

Fox cared deeply about representing his constituents and worked to make the quality of life in his district better, Bell said. His work helped bring Northeastern Center's community health headquarters to Kendallville and make S.R. 3 a four-lane highway from Kendallville southward.

"It's difficult to make the choice to be in public service," Bell said. Fox did it the right way, looking out for the people he served.

It is untimely to see someone as bright as Fox gone at 57, Bell said. "He'll definitely be missed."

A complete obituary for Fox appears on Page A4.

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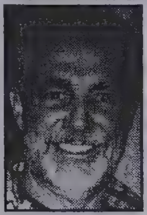
Services are Wednesday for J. Bradley Fox of Rome City

ROME CITY — Former State Rep. J. Bradley Fox, 57, of Rome City, died peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at his residence in Rome City.



Mr. Fox

Mr. Fox was born in LaGrange on March 9, 1952, to the late Brent L. Fox, Jr. and Janet (Greene) Fox. His father preceded his death in 1993, and his mother in 1994.

Brad graduated from East Noble High School in 1970 and attended International Business College and I.P.F.W., both in Fort Wayne. Shortly after graduating high school, he married Paula Marie Kline on June 13, 1970, in Rome City.

Brad served northeast Indiana for six terms as a Republican in the Indiana State House from 1980-1992. He retired in 1992 due, in part, to his employment commitment at J.O. Mory. During his tenure as representative, he was employed with J.O. Mory and Reith-Riley Construction as sales and office manager. He went on to currently serve as a lobbyist and legislative consultant at the state legislature for about the past eight years.

Brad loved family gatherings and hosting pool parties at his home. He enjoyed being outdoors, sitting around the campfire with his family and friends, deer hunting and NASCAR racing.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Fox of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay and Melissa Fox of Macclenny, Fla., and Kyle Fox and his companion, Stacey Gillespie, both of Rome City; five grandchildren, Logan, Madison, Tyler, Macey and Samantha Fox; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne and two brothers, and a sister-in-law, Barry Fox of Elkhart and Patrick and Karen Fox of Rome City; and a sister-in-law, Mary Jo Fox of Flower Mound, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent L. Fox III, who died Sept. 17, 2007, and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Camden Fox, Logan Fox, Zach Fraze, Brent Fox, Larry Slusher, Kim Miller, Steve Kline, Michael Kline. Honorary Bearers will be Mike Kline, Rick Frick, and Bob Pruitt.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rome City United Methodist Church or the Orange Township Volunteer

Fire Department.

To view a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Donald Parks

AVILLA — Donald K. Parks, 80, lifetime Avilla resident, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Don was born Dec. 30, 1928, in Noble County to the late Howard and Arlene Wooster Parks. On July 13, 1946, he married Helen Eley. She survives in Avilla.

Don was employed as a foreman for several years with the Newman Foundry in Kendallville and later became co-owner of the Lane Foundry in Kendallville.

In his spare time he loved to spend time with his family at gatherings, play cards, puzzles, fishing, sing and enjoyed ballroom and square dancing. He was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Don loved the lord and was very active in many functions at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was also a very active member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM 460, currently serving as the Treasurer.

Surviving with his wife are five sons and daughters-in-law, Steven Kent and Cheryl Parks of Avilla, Bruce and Karen K. Parks of Rome City, the Rev. William and Esther Parks of Crawfordsville, Paul and Becky Parks of Avilla and James and Karen L. Parks of Avilla; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one brother, Forrest Parks of Kendallville and three sisters, Jeanette Henney of Woodburn, Helen Fritz of Kendallville and Ellen Holliman of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Evelyn Whitcomb; his parents; three brothers, Gerald, Clifford and Richard Parks; and one infant sister, Ruth Parks.

Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 125 Cherry St., Avilla, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. There will also be additional calling from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

A Masonic service will be conducted by the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM 460 at 8 p.m. at the church.

The family suggest memorials be directed to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Richard Guiff

CHURUBUSCO — Richard E. Guiff, 83, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at the family residence in Eel River Township.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Thelma Foster

ALBION — Thelma Lucile Foster, 94, of Albion, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at North Ridge Village in Albion.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideons International or Rehoboth Community Missionary Church.

To view a video tribute today or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rex Spangle

HUNTERTOWN —Rex L. Spangle, 70, of Huntertown, died Friday, Sept, 25, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Calling will be at the funeral home Tuesday from 5 to 8 p. m., or one hour before the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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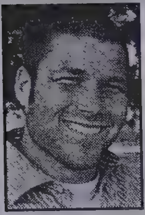
Tyson Gordon

HAMILTON — Tyson R. Gordon, 22, of Hamilton died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, as the result of an automobile accident near Ashley.


Mr. Gordon

Tyson was born on March 15, 1987, in Auburn. He was a 2005 graduate of Hamilton High School. Tyson attended Manchester College for four years and was finishing his Bachelor's Degree at Trine University in Angola, with the hopes of teaching physical education and health.

An avid athlete, Tyson participated in baseball, track, basketball and cross country while in high school. While in college, Tyson ran cross country at Manchester College. He also was the junior high basketball coach at Manchester Junior High School. He also coached track at Northfield High School this past spring. He was an active member of 4-H while growing up.

Tyson enjoyed boating, hunting and hanging out with his friends and playing any sport if the opportunity came up.

Surviving are his parents, Eric and Jennifer Gaff of Hamilton; birth father, John Gordon of Cromwell; brothers, Bryce Gordon and Ryan Gaff, both of Hamilton; grandparents, Verna J. Glover of Hamilton, Barb and Tom Gordon of Auburn, Richard and Phyllis Gaff of Hamilton and Mike and Linda Carrigan of Destin, Fla.; and great-grandmother, Judy Swary of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Gary Glover.

Visitation for Tyson Gordon will be on Tuesday Sept. 29, 2009, from 2-7 p.m. in the Life Center of Hamilton Wesleyan Church, 4001 Terry Lake Road, Hamilton. Funeral services for Tyson Gordon will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the Life center of Hamilton Wesleyan Church with Jeff Alexander, Minister, officiating. Private interment will be at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 East Church Street, Hamilton.

Memorials in the name of Tyson R. Gordon may be given to a church or charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Robert Cary

ANGOLA — Robert L. Cary, 90, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at home.

Mr. Cary was a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Angola.

He was a Past Commander and Life Member of Angola American Legion Post 31 and a member of the George Anspaugh Post of the VFW, 40 & 8 Voiture 483, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, Angola Moose Lodge 1568 and Moose Legion 18.

He was born July 21, 1919 in Steuben County to Otis and Hilda (Gilbert) Cary, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 18, 1940, he married Ardith Rosendaul, who survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Kevin Cary of Fort Wayne, and a sister, Ruth Oberlin of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Powers Cemetery, Steuben County, by Angola American Legion Post 31.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Jack Markin Sr.

GOSHEN — Jack L. Markin Sr., 69, of Goshen, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Life Center, Goshen. Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneral-home.com.

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Lisa Hancock

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lisa K. (Boots) Hancock, 44, of Spring Hill, Fla., died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009, at her mother's home in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Hancock

In 2004, she moved to Spring Hill, Fla., and was a poet and amateur photographer. She had worked as an emergency medical technician and first responder and was a member of Woodruff Grove First United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Hancock was born on April 30, 1965, in Kendallville to Roger W. and Ann L. (Perkins) Boots.

On April 10, 2004, in Woodruff, she married John D. Hancock, Sr.; he survives in Spring Hill.

Also surviving are her mother, Ann L. Boots of Wolcottville; two sons, Chris Reade of Spring Hill and Forrest Reade of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Shannon Hancock of Kempner, Texas; two stepsons, John Hancock Jr. of Waco, Texas, and Jason Hancock of Kempner; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Julie and Mark Diehm of Wolcottville, Jill and Brad Gehring of Kendallville and Lila and Steve Bowen of LaGrange; and a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Diana Boots of Wolcottville.

Preceding her in death were her father, Roger Boots, on April 19, 2009; and a daughter, Sydney Alis Reade.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh, with the Rev. Michael Hamm and the Rev. Randy Perkins officiating. Burial will take place in Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. on Monday at Stroh Church of Christ.

Memorial donations may be given to LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Nicholas McCoy

COLUMBIA CITY — Nicholas Scott McCoy, 41, of Kendallville and formerly of Columbia City, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. McCoy

He was born on Jan. 13, 1968, in Columbia City, the son of Jack LeRoy McCoy and Joan Pamela Pettigrew.

Nick spent his lifetime in the Kendallville and Noble County areas, graduating from East Noble High School with the Class of 1987, where he excelled in cross country, basketball and track.

He was employed first at Albion Wire for 13 years, owned and operated Prestige Carpet Care and currently was employed with Kraft Foods, Kendallville, in the production department.

Survivors include his two children, Ariel J. and Justin S. McCoy, both of Garrett; father and stepmother, Jack and Susan McCoy of Columbia City; companion, Jamye A. Haynes of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Wanda Beeching, and paternal grandmother, Edna McCoy, both of Columbia City; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Gwen L. Stockert of Kendallville, Liv L. and Josh Van Gessel of Avilla and Charity McCoy of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Tim L., Jackford and Quimby J. McCoy, all of Columbia City; and three stepsisters, Wendy Johnson of Mechanicsville, Va., Heidi Schuman of Phoenix, Ariz., and Trudy McCormick of Freeland.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Pamela Pettigrew-Linnemeier who passed away on Sept. 11, 1987, and three grandfathers, Ford McCoy, Alverl O. Pettigrew and Fred Beeching.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, from 3-8 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the funeral home with Pastor Thomas Dunbar of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, officiating. Burial will follow at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorial bequests may be given in Nick's memory to donor's choice. Envelopes will be available through the funeral home. You may log onto www.demoneygrimes.com to sign the guestbook and leave a condolence.

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Virginia Plank

ANGOLA — Virginia Nell (Defreese) Plank, age 89, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2009, at Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, Ind.

She joined her Lord and Savior, and her beloved husband of 47 years, Jonathan Wendell Plank, who passed on March 19, 1988.

Ginny Plank was born December 21, 1919, in Elkhart and resided in Angola from 1946 until moving to Grace Village in 2005.

She joyfully raised her family in Angola and was active in the community and the United Methodist Church.

Ginny was known and loved for her dedication to her family, love of children, generosity, compassion, loyalty, helpfulness, quick sense of humor, community volunteering and lifelong delight in finding and collecting "pretties" and antiques.

She is survived by sons Jeff Plank and wife Jodene of Warsaw, Ind., and Randy Plank and wife Cindy of Panama City, Fla.; sisters, Mayme Cooper and Helen Smole, both of Elkhart, Ind., and Betty Lorenz of Middlebury, Ind.; six grandchildren, Ryan Plank and wife Melanie of Savannah, Ga., Chet Plank and wife Victoria of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sara Huffman and husband Todd of Jacksonville, Fla., Andy Plank and wife Krista of Indianapolis, Ind., Adam Plank of Pescara, Italy, and Justin Plank and wife Kristin of Plantation, Fla.; and eight great-grandchildren, Caden Huffman, 6, Ansley Plank, 5, Josie Plank, 4, Ellie Huffman, 4, Sawyer Plank, 3, Eli Plank, 2, Anna Huffman, 2, and Sophie Plank, 2.

Calling will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, October 2, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., followed by a service at 2:30 p.m. Friday to celebrate Ginny's life.

Jean Martin

CLAWSON, Mich. — Jean Ellen Martin, 81, of Clawson and formerly of Royal Oak, Mich., and Fort Wayne, Ind., died Sept. 27, 2009, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Martin was born in Detroit on January 25, 1928, to Charles and Marion Coulter.

Mrs. Martin loved dogs, especially the Lhasa Apso breed. Her last pet was named Max.

Mrs. Martin was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Royal Oak and Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn, Ind.

She will be remembered best as a devoted and loving mother.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her loving children, Susan (William) Becker, Donald T. (Paula) Martin Jr., Julie (Timothy) McGee, Beatrice (August) Imm, Douglas Martin, Kenneth (Kellen) Martin, Jim (Beth) Martin, and Joan (Rick) Wilson; 18 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, CWO Donald T. Martin, and their baby boy, Martin, and her dear sister, Grace Somerville.

Funeral services will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 202 E. 5th St., Royal Oak, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Roads) from 2-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, September 29.

Mrs. Martin will be buried next to her late husband, Donald, in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana. Graveside services will be at noon Thursday, Oct. 1, with Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiating.

Esther Lincoln

CHURUBUSCO — Esther M. Lincoln, 94, of Eel River Township in Allen County, died at 1:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at the Town House Retirement Center, Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be at noon Thursday until service time at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to family online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Harvey Steinbacher

ALBION — Harvey John Steinbacher, 87, of Betz Nursing Home, Auburn, formerly of Albion, died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, following an extended illness.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Sheets and Childs Funeral, Churubusco, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Thelma Foster

ALBION — Thelma Lucile Foster, 94, of Albion died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at North Ridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Foster was born in York Township, Noble County, on Sept. 17, 1915, to the late Russell and Grace (Butz) King.

Mrs. Foster

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1932 and later married Robert E. Foster on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1939, in Wawaka. Her husband preceded her death on Sept. 10, 1998.

She was a homemaker and farm wife, helping her husband and driving the tractor on the family farm.

She always raised a garden and canned. She loved baking, crocheting, sewing and embroidery.

Mrs. Foster was a faithful member of the Rehoboth Community Missionary Church near Albion where she was actively involved in the Ladies Aid, taught Sunday school classes and helped with vacation Bible school for many years.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Greg Beauchamp of Kendallville and Nancy and Stan Jacob of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Bert and Christine Foster of Albion; grandchildren, Joshua and Amber Beauchamp of Fort Wayne, Rebecca and Mark Schroeder of Albion, Michael and Cara Jacob of Marietta, Ga., Jeffery and Melanie Jacob of Muncie and Thaddaeus Foster of Albion; great-grandchildren, Megan and Ryan Schroeder and Elijah Jacob; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Pat King of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Bonnie Britton of Mishawaka; and a sister-in-law, Helen Sipe of New Haven.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Elden King, and a granddaughter, Amy Beauchamp in 1981.

Visitation was Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gerald Ringenberg officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Gideons International or Rehoboth Missionary Church.

To send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

We would like to thank our friends, relatives, family and neighbors for all their support, prayers and concerns during the loss of my husband, our dad and papa Cecil Crotts. We appreciated everyone who helped us out by calling us, sending cards, flowers & food or just by stopping by to be there for us. Special thanks to Hite Funeral Home, Reverend Steve Brittenham and the Parkview Hospice nurses and aides who were there to help us out.

Thank you all very much and may God bless you all!

Love, Becky Crotts, Angela Crotts & Lori Smith & Family

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Martha Smith

FORT WAYNE — Martha Smith, 58, passed away Saturday, September 26, 2009, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Lorain, Ohio, Martha and her husband George owned the Fort Wayne Tile Company since 1988.

She was a member of the Tippmann Ladies Club.

Mrs. Smith

Marty was a wife, mother, daughter, sister and a best friend to everyone who knew her. She had the unique gift to make others know that they mattered to her. Marty always went the extra mile — nothing was beneath her when it came to helping someone she loved. She was there for us always.

Marty taught her family there was nothing we couldn't do and then showed us how to accomplish it through the example of how she lived her life. She lived her life with Grace, Devotion, and Patience and for that she will always be loved.

Surviving is her husband of 39 years George Smith of Orland, Ind., her children, daughter, Marti (Steven) Osterhout of Fort Wayne, son, Gregory (Leslie) Smith of Fort Wayne, daughter, Susan (David) Kissel of Fishers, Ind.; her grandchildren, Reagan, Lauren, Charlie, Nathan, Allison, Natalie, George and Anna Pearl; her mother, Martha Mae Smith of Lorain Ohio; her siblings, sister Sandra Smith of Lorain, Ohio, sister Sue (Dale) Kosco of Lorain, Ohio, brother, Howard (Sandy) Smith of Vermillion, Ohio, and sister, O'Dessa (Max) Keathley of Lorain, Ohio.

Martha was preceded in death by her father, LeRoy W. Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with calling one hour prior. Father Anthony Steinacker will officiate at the service.

Calling will also be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, 230 Monroe, Suite 2528, Chicago, IL 60606-4703.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Adam Myers

WATERLOO — Adam L. Myers, 25, of Waterloo died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at his home.

He was born June 8, 1984, in Auburn.

He is survived by his father, Todd Myers of Waterloo; his mother and stepfather, Kathy and Jody Kessler of Auburn; a sister, Stephanie Stark of Sturgis, Mich.; two brothers, Aaron Myers of Waterloo and Andrew of Auburn; and his grandparents, Lloyd Myers of Auburn and Helen and Garth Gillespie of Garrett.

Mr. Myers

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Carol Myers.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the guest book or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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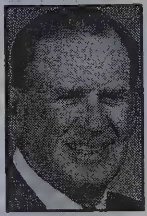
Donald Parks

AVILLA — Donald K. Parks, 80, lifetime Avilla resident, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Don was born Dec. 30, 1928, in Noble County to the late Howard and Arlene Wooster Parks. On July 13, 1946, he married Helen Eley. She survives in Avilla.


Mr. Parks

Don was employed as a foreman for several years with the Newman Foundry in Kendallville and later became co-owner of the Lane Foundry in Kendallville.

In his spare time he loved to spend time with his family at gatherings, play cards, puzzles, fishing, sing and enjoyed ballroom and square dancing. He was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Don loved the lord and was very active in many functions at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was also a very active member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM 460, currently serving as the Treasurer.

Surviving with his wife are five sons and daughters-in-law, Steven Kent and Cheryl Parks of Avilla, Bruce and Karen K. Parks of Rome City, the Rev. William and Esther Parks of Crawfordsville, Paul and Becky Parks of Avilla and James and Karen L. Parks of Avilla; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one brother, Forrest Parks of Kendallville and three sisters, Jeanette Henney of Woodburn, Helen Fritz of Kendallville and Ellen Holliman of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by one daughter Evelyn Whitcomb; his parents; three brothers, Gerald, Clifford and Richard Parks; and one infant sister, Ruth Parks.

Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the Calvary United Methodist Church, 125 Cherry St., Avilla, today, Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009, from 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. There will also be additional calling from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

A Masonic service will be conducted by the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM 460 at 8 p.m. at the church.

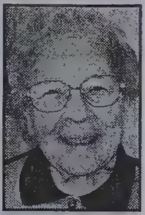
The family suggest memorials be directed to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Mary Atkins

GARRETT — Mary J. Atkins, 93, of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.


Mrs. Atkins

She was born Sept. 9, 1916, in Avilla, the daughter of the Henry and Rena Hess. She married Charles Atkins Sept. 9, 1937, in Avilla.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Eston Hathaway of Indianapolis; her grandchildren, Susan Ginger of Kendallville, Joel Hathaway of Fort Wayne and Mark McCrory of Fort Wayne; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Atkins; a daughter, Charlotte McCrory; and brothers, Richard and Roger Hess.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, please visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Ross Myers

AUBURN — Ross E. Myers, 76, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Myers was the owner and operator of Myers Real Estate in Auburn for five years. He then moved to California where he was in motor home sales until his retirement.

He was a veteran of the United States Army serving from June 22, 1953, to March 29, 1955.

He was a member of the Zion 16 Lutheran Church in Corunna. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Elks Lodge of Auburn.

He was born June 13, 1933, in Fairfield Township to Vern and Edna (Leins) Myers. He married JoAnn M. Felber on Feb. 28, 1975. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Virginia Felber of Goose Creek, S.C, and Van Jr. and Vicki Felber of Newman, Calif.; one sister, Rose Ellen Hudson of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dallas Myers and Wilbur Myers; and one sister, Wavah DeMarais.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor John Stuck officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Maxine Schneider

FREMONT — Maxine Schneider, 84, of Fremont died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, in Angola.

Mrs. Schneider was a homemaker and worked for 25 years for the Brighton Mushroom Farm in LaGrange County.

She was born Dec. 31, 1924, in Ashland, Ky., to Morton and Marie (Townsend) Conway. On April 3, 1944, she married Donald L. Schneider, who preceded her in death on May 7, 1998.

Surviving are her adopted son, Laurel Pocock and his companion, Sherry Feltner, both of Angola; five grandchildren and four spouses, Andrew and Valerie Pocock of Pleasant Lake, Tammani and Mark Weaver of Leland, Miss., Tiffany and Tom McClain of Fremont, Brooke and Chris Batte of Sherwood, Ark., and Tim Julian of Fremont; and seven great-grandchildren, Blake, Brooke, Ashley, Madelyn, Braiden, Arianne and Nathan.

Preceding her in death with her husband were two daughters, Sheila Lynn Schneider in 1955 and Bonnie Lou Schneider on March 16, 1998.

Private graveside ceremonies were held at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Richard Guiff

CHURUBUSCO — Richard E. Guiff, 83, a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at his residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bear Lake Camp, 1805 S. 16th St., Albion, IN 46701

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Paul Nichols

LORIDA, Fla. — Paul Lee Nichols, 75, of Lorida and formerly of Kendallville died Aug. 1, 2009, in Lorida.

Paul had been a sales administrator at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville until it closed and then retired in 1995 from Mossburg Hubbard in Garrett.

He built a retirement home in Lorida and he and his wife moved to Florida in 1996.

Mr. Nichols

Paul grew up in the Helmer area and graduated in 1952 from Salem Center High School.

He enjoyed hunting game, fishing, golfing and auto racing. Following his retirement, he enjoyed hunting alligators with his sons.

Paul especially enjoyed flower gardening, landscaping and spending time with his pet cat.

He was born April 21, 1934, in LaGrange County to H. Ralph and Helen (Ball) Nichols. He married Geraldine R. Deller on Nov. 1, 1952, in Hudson. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa K. Campbell of Kendallville; two sons, Roger L. Nichols of Kendallville and Gary L. Nichols of Lorida; a sister, Rosemary Shearer of Hudson; a granddaughter, Sabrina K. Crager of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren, Brittany E. Wyatt and Ethan B. Wyatt, both of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Arlene Huffman and Carol Starrett; and three brothers, Philip, Ronald and Donald.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Independent Baptist Church on S.R. 3 in South Milford with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery southeast of Stroh on Turkey Creek Road.

Calling will be 45 minutes prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Independent Baptist Church in South Milford or the Humane Society of Noble County.

The family is grateful to Brian DeCamp of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville for his assistance.

THE NEWS SUN
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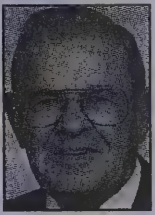
County leader Ross Jett, 77, dies

BY BOB BUTTGEN
bbuttgen@kpcnews.net

WAWAKA — Ross Jett, who carved out a lifetime of achievement in the fields of government, business and community service, died Tuesday morning at his home.


Jett

Jett, 77, was the current Elkhart Township trustee, serving since 1993, and served on the Noble County Council from 1978 to 1987.

In addition to his role as a government official, Jett was one of the leaders in the formation of the Noble County Community Fair organization. He was that group's first president from 1982-83, and served on the fair board for 20 years.

He is credited with bringing together separate groups to form the fair board, bringing harmony, success and outside funding to the county fair in the years following.

Jett was known as a man who was able to bring people together for the good of the community, and get things done, according to Joy LeCount of Wawaka, who said Jett was a "good, close friend of our family."

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JETT: *'He knew how to get things done,' friend says*

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"He will be missed," added LeCount, who currently serves on the Noble County Commissioners. "Ross was very innovative, liked people, and people responded well to him, when asked to serve."

In addition to being a Noble County farmer, he had owned and operated his own real estate business, Jett Realty, for many years, and brought his daughter, Linda Jett Williams, into the family business.

Jett was a longtime member and was very active in the Wawaka Church of the Brethren. He worked hard to build and enhance Wawaka's community park over the years.

"He knew how to get things done," LeCount said.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren. More funeral information can be found on Page A4 of today's edition.

A full obituary for Mr. Jett will appear in Thursday's newspaper.

Ross Jett

WAWAKA — Ross Edward Jett, 77, the trustee of Elkhart Township in Noble County and former Noble County councilman, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 29, 2009, at his home.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Wawaka Church of the Brethren, 2726 W. C.R. 700N, Wawaka, with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Calling will be 1 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary for Mr. Jett will be in Thursday's newspaper.

THE NEWS SUN
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James Earles

ANGOLA — James L. Earles, 76, of Truth or Consequences, N.M., and formerly of Angola died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, at the VA Medical Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mr. Earles had moved to New Mexico in 2001.

He was a retired auto body shop owner.

Mr. Earles was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a past commander and life member of American Legion Post 31 in Angola, a member of the VFW in Hobart, Ind., a member of the 40&8 Voiture, and a charter and life member of Cooties of the VFW.

He was born in Mitchell, S.D., on Dec. 31, 1932, to Chauncy and Susan (Eller) Earles. He married Vivian (Herring) Earles on Nov. 28, 1954. She survives in Truth or Consequences.

Also surviving are a daughter, Dawn and husband, Troy, Boman of Butler; three sons, Jack L. Earles of Elkhart, James L. Earles of Bryan, Ohio, and Jerry L. Earles of Pendleton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Bonnie Kaye Mangus.

A memorial celebration service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service with an American Legion service at 10:45 a.m.

Memorials are to the Care Package Program c/o American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary, Angola, IN 46703.

Sister Mary Engleman

AVILLA — Sister Mary Bernard Engleman, O.S.F., 90, a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home, died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the chapel at the Provena Sacred Heart Home. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. today in the chapel, with a wake service at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423-8335.

Virginia Northouse

WATERLOO — Virginia A. Northouse, 68, of Waterloo died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009.

No services are planned.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Marilyn Waterson

HUNTERTOWN — Marilyn J. Waterson, 81, of Huntertown died Tuesday at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, east of Churubusco. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Send online condolences to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Sidney Blizzard

LAGRANGE — Sidney L. Blizzard, 51, of LaGrange died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Gerald Garn

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Gerald L. Garn, 77, of New Port Richey, Fla., and formerly of Garrett died Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, at his home.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials may be sent to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 6807 Rowan Road, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Thomas Burtch

NAPLES, Fla. — Thomas E. Burtch, 67, of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

Calling was today at Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge Road, Naples, FL 34109.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Fuller Funeral Home with interment following at Palm Royale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

Betty Miller

GOSHEN — Betty Mae Miller, 80, of Goshen and formerly of LaGrange, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Griner Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Griner Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, and 5-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday all at the Griner Mennonite Church.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Ross Jett, 77

WAWAKA — Ross Edward Jett, 77, died peacefully in his sleep the morning of Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at his Wawaka, Indiana home. He was a lifelong resident of Noble County.

Mr. Jett was a longtime member and was very active in the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He had been engaged in farming until 1988, and was current owner of Jett Realty. He was also the current Elkhart Township Trustee, a position he had held since 1993. He served on the Noble County Council from 1978 to 1987 and was president of the County Council for several years.

Mr. Jett was also very involved in numerous community organizations.

He was instrumental in the organization of the Noble County Community Fair Corporation and served as its first president in 1982-83. He was a board member for 20 years, and chaired the Long Range Committee. He also chaired the Grand Slam Rebuilding Fund Committee to replace the fairground's grandstand that was destroyed by fire in 1995. This effort resulted in raising $215,000 and a new 2,000-seat grandstand was in place in time for the 1996 fair.

Mr. Jett was a former board member and past president of the Indiana State County Fair Association.

A graduate of Wawaka High School in 1950, Mr. Jett also served in the 701st U.S. Army at Fort Knox, KY.

Mr. Jett was born April 20, 1932 to Floyd and Ruth (Frick) Jett.

On June 29, 1952 he married Sheila Chapman. She survives at Wawaka.

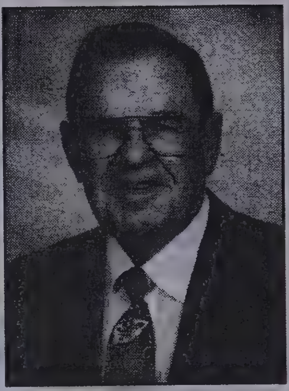
Also surviving are three children - Roger Jett and his wife Cheryl of Ligonier, Kathy Jett of Utica, New York, and Linda Dirig and her husband David of Albion, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 1 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

The Rev. Verne Leininger will officiate at the funeral service to be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren located at 2726 W 700 N, Wawaka, IN. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Paul Bearers will be Fred Roy, Nelson LeCount, Kenny Stringfellow, Max Weber, Tom Clouse and John Cochard. Honorary Paul Bearers will be Tom Malle, Jason Cripe Ray Cripe, Tim Clouse, Glen Slabach, Don Bish, Bob Bollinger, Tom Savage and Roger Diehm.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Gideons International, P. O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.



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Themla Lucile Foster, 94

ALBION – Thelma Lucile Foster, age 94, of Albion, died on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Foster was born in York Township, Noble County, Indiana on September 17, 1915 to the late Russell and Grace (Butz) King.

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1932 and later married Robert E. Foster on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1939 in Wawaka. Her husband preceded her death on September 10, 1998.

She was a homemaker and farm wife, helping her husband and driving the tractor on the family farm.

She always raised a garden and canned. She loved baking, crocheting, sewing, and embroidery.

Mrs. Foster was a faithful member of the Rehoboth Missionary Community Church near Albion where she was actively involved in the Ladies Aide, taught Sunday school classes and helped with Vacation Bible School for many years.

Survivors include: two daughters, Martha (Greg) Beauchamp of Kendallville and Nancy (Stan) Jacob of Albion; son, Bert (Christine) Foster of Albion; five grandchildren: Joshua (Amber) Beauchamp of Fort Wayne, Rebecca (Mark) Schroeder of Albion, Michael (Cara) Jacob of Marietta, Georgia, Jeffery (Melanie) Jacob of Muncie, and Thaddaeus Foster of Albion; three great-grandchildren: Megan and Ryan Schroeder and Elijah Jacob; a brother, Don (Pat) King of Kissimmee, Florida; a sister, Bonnie Britton of Mishawaka; and Sister-in-law, Helen Sipe of New Haven.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Eldon King and a granddaughter, Amy Beauchamp in 1981.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Gerald Ringenberg. Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery rural Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Gideons International or Rehoboth Missionary Church.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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J. Bradley Fox, 57

ROME CITY – Past State Representative, J. Bradley Fox, age 57, of Rome City, died peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at his residence in Rome City.

Mr. Fox was born in LaGrange on March 9, 1952 to the late Brent L. Fox, Jr. and Janet (Greene) Fox.

His father preceded his death in 1993 and his mother in 1994.

Brad graduated from East Noble High School in 1970 and attended International Business College and I.P.F.W. both in Fort Wayne. Shortly after graduating high school, he married Paula Marie Kline on June 13, 1970 in Rome City.

Brad served northeast Indiana for six terms as a Republican in the Indiana State House from 1980-1992. He retired in 1992 due, in part, to his employment commitment at J.O. Mory.

During his tenure as representative, he was employed with J.O. Mory and Reith-Riley Construction as sales and office manager.

He went on to currently serve as a lobbyist and legislative consultant at the state Legislature for about the past 8 years.

Brad loved family gatherings and hosting pool parties at his home. He enjoyed being outdoors, sittting around the campfire with his family and friends, deer hunting and NASCAR racing.

Survivors include: wife, Paula Fox of Rome City; two sons, Jay (Melissa) Fox of Macclenny, Florida, Kyle Fox and his companion, Stacey Gillespie, both of Rome City; five grandchildren: Logan, Madison, Tyler, Macey and Samantha Fox; a sister, Ann (Stan) Fraze of Fort Wayne; his sister-in-law, Mary Jo Fox of Flower Mound, Texas; two brothers, Barry Fox of Elkhart and Patrick (Karen) Fox of Rome City.

He was preceeded in death by his brother Brent L. Fox, III, who died September 17, 2007 and is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Michael McKinney.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Casketbearers were Camden Fox, Logan Fox, Zach Fraze, Brent Fox, Larry Slusher, Kim Miller, Steve Kline, Michael Kline. Honorary Bearers were Mike Kline, Rick Frick, and Bob Pruitt.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Rome City United Methodist or Orange Township Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Jill Meyer, 51

LAOTTO — Jill M. Meyer, 51, of LaOtto and formerly of Avilla died on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 8:50 a.m. at the Methodist Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, due to complications of a lung transplant she received four years ago.

She was born on October 22, 1957, in Kendallville to the late Jack and Catherine (Kreischer) Duve.

In June of 1975 in Kendallville, she married the late Stanley Meyer. He preceded her in death on October 4, 2003.

Jill retired after 20 years of service from Federal Mogul Corporation in Avilla as a quality control technician. In her spare time she enjoyed first and foremost spending time with her grandkids and she also enjoyed crafts and gardening.

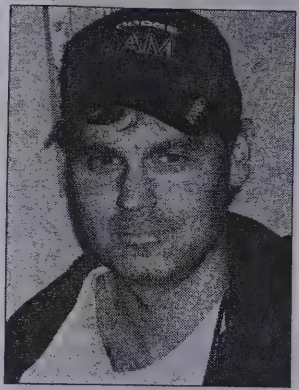
She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Benjamin and Jamie Meyer of Fort Wayne, Andrew and Amanda Meyer of LaOtto, and Nathan and Angela Meyer of Avilla; five grandchildren, Caleb and Katelyn Meyer; Lily and Kelsey Meyer and Isabelle Meyer; two brothers, Brad Duve of Wolcottville and William "Hank" Duve of Auburn; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Francis "Fyi" and Theresa Meyer of Avilla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Burial took place at Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

The family suggests memorials be directed to the grandchildren's college education fund.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneral home.com



Nicholas Scott McCoy, 41

KENDALLVILLE – Nicholas Scott McCoy, 41, of Kendallville and formerly of Columbia City passed away at 8:10 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009 at his residence.

He was born on January 13, 1968 in Columbia City, the son of Jack LeRoy McCoy and Joan Pamela Pettigrew. Nick spent his lifetime in the Kendallville and Noble County areas, graduating from East Noble High School with the Class of 1987, where he excelled in cross country, basketball and track.

He was employed first at Albion Wire for 13 years, owned and operated Prestige Carpet Care and currently was employed with Kraft Foods, Kendallville in the production department. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, sports, but most importantly, watching his children's involvement with numerous sporting activities.

Survivors include his two children, Ariel J. and Justin S. McCoy both of Garrett, IN; father, Jack (Susan) McCoy, Columbia City, IN; companion, Jayme A. Haynes, Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Wanda Beeching and paternal grandmother, Edna McCoy, both of Columbia City; three sisters, Gwen L. Stockert, Kendallville, Liv L.(Josh)Van Gessel, Avilla and Charity McCoy, Fort Wayne; three brothers, Tim L., Jackford (Quimby), and J. McCoy all of Columbia City; three step sisters, Wendy Johnson, Mechanicsville, VA, Heidi Schuman, Phoenix, AZ and Trudy McCormick, Freeland, IN.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Pamela Pettigrew-Linnemeier who passed away on September 11, 1987 and three grandfathers, Ford McCoy, Alverl O. Pettigrew and Fred Beeching.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Demoney Grimes Funeral Home with Pastor Thomas Dunbar of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, officiating. Burial followed at Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City, IN.

Memorial bequest may be given in Nick's memory to donor's choice. Envelopes will be available through the funeral home.

You may log onto www.demoneygrimes.com to sign the guestbook and to leave a condolence.

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Raymond Douglas Price, 83

HUNTERTOWN – Raymond Douglas "Dugan" Price, 86, a resident of rural Huntertown, died at 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at his residence in Eel River Township following an extended illness, and surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Price was born on August 21, 1923 in Fort Wayne, a son of the late Walter E. and Mary Ellen [Poinsette] Price, and served with the U. S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean Conflict. His marriage took place in Avilla on October 11, 1947 to Martha Garman.

The couple spent most of their married lives in the Huntertown-area where he was the owner and operator of Price's Dairy for 24 years. He retired in 1987 as a truck driver for Teamster's Local after 19 years.

He was a member of the Huntertown United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of Avilla American Legion Post 240, and was also a member of the Huntertown Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 11314.

The surviving relatives include his wife Martha, to whom he was married for over 61 years; seven children Sarah [Kenny] Ehinger of Rome City, Rachel [David] Lash of Avilla, John [Debra] Price of Valley View, Tx., Matthew [Barbara] Price of Huntertown, Elizabeth [Greg] Davis of Churubusco, Mitchell Price of Huntertown, and Barbara [Brad] Lomont of Leo; his sister Lorraine Warner of Huntertown; 22 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Huntertown United Methodist Church, 16021 Lima Road, with Pastor Greg Hiatt, officiating.

Interment with military graveside rites were in Huntertown Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Huntertown United Methodist Church or to Avilla American Legion Post 240.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Price's memory, you may log on to www.sheetsandchildsfuneralhome.com.

Brady Pippenger, stillborn

FORT WAYNE – Brady Pippenger, was stillborn Friday September 18, 2009 at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne. He is the infant son of Aaron Lynn and Michelle Leigh (Rupley) Pippenger.

He is also survived by his grandparents George and Marily Pippenger of Albion, and James and Lynn Rupley of Corunna; great-grandparents; Milton and Roberta Rupley of South Whitley, and Paul Besson of Warsaw. There are also many aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is entrusted with the arrangements.

James B. Perkins, 48

WOLCOTTVILLE – James B. Perkins, 48, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in his residence.

He was born November 24, 1960, in Noble County to Arnold and Joan (North) Perkins.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Joan & Edward Subzda of Rome City; his father, Arnold Perkins of Wolcottville; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Griffiths of Elkhart, Loni and Jamey Owens of LaGrange, and Boni Perkins of Albion; eight grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Christina and Ronald Tuttle of Angola, three step sisters, Nicole Miller of Wolcottville, Kathy Honaker of Wolcottville, and Deb Brockman of Kendallville; and two step-brothers, Brett Honaker of Wolcottville and Tracy Honaker of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Andrew Perkins and a step brother, Shane Honaker.

Funeral services were Friday, September 25, 2009, at Rome City United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mike McKinney, Rev. Jamey Owens, and Rev. Dr. Harold North officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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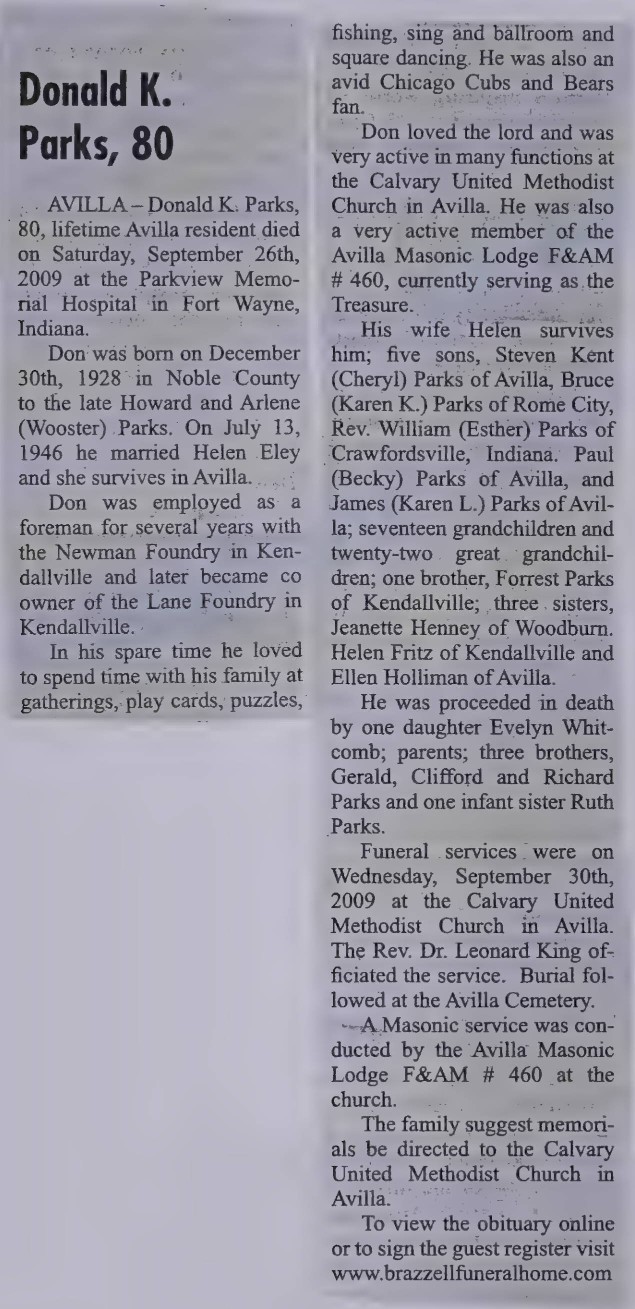

Donald K. Parks, 80

AVILLA – Donald K. Parks, 80, lifetime Avilla resident died on Saturday, September 26th, 2009 at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Don was born on December 30th, 1928 in Noble County to the late Howard and Arlene (Wooster) Parks. On July 13, 1946 he married Helen Eley and she survives in Avilla.

Don was employed as a foreman for several years with the Newman Foundry in Kendallville and later became co owner of the Lane Foundry in Kendallville.

In his spare time he loved to spend time with his family at gatherings, play cards, puzzles, fishing, sing and ballroom and square dancing. He was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

Don loved the lord and was very active in many functions at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He was also a very active member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM # 460, currently serving as the Treasure.

His wife Helen survives him; five sons, Steven Kent (Cheryl) Parks of Avilla, Bruce (Karen K.) Parks of Rome City, Rev. William (Esther) Parks of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Paul (Becky) Parks of Avilla, and James (Karen L.) Parks of Avilla; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren; one brother, Forrest Parks of Kendallville; three sisters, Jeanette Henney of Woodburn. Helen Fritz of Kendallville and Ellen Holliman of Avilla.

He was proceeded in death by one daughter Evelyn Whitcomb; parents; three brothers, Gerald, Clifford and Richard Parks and one infant sister Ruth Parks.

Funeral services were on Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 at the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. The Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiated the service. Burial followed at the Avilla Cemetery.

A Masonic service was conducted by the Avilla Masonic Lodge F&AM # 460 at the church.

The family suggest memorials be directed to the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

To view the obituary online or to sign the guest register visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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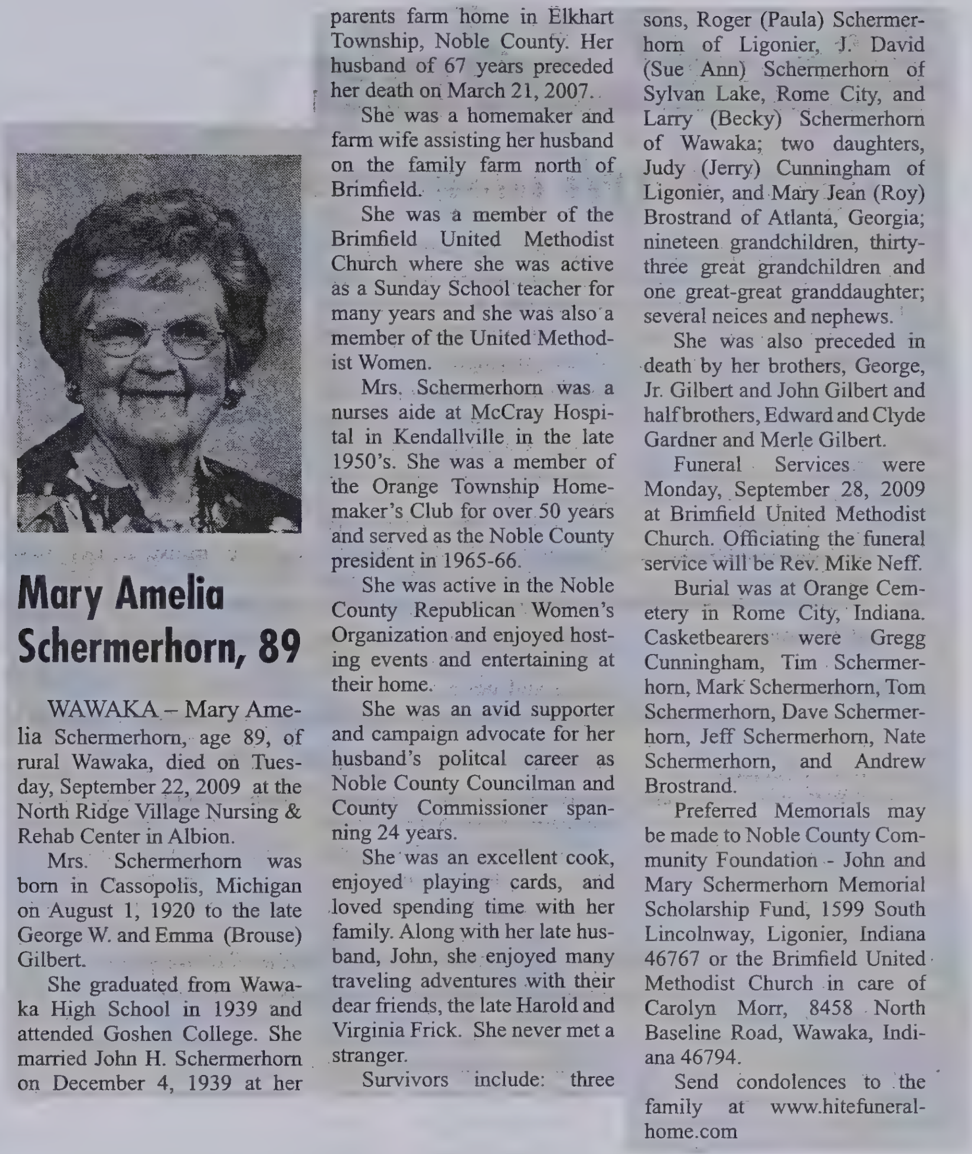

Mary Amelia Schermerhorn, 89

WAWAKA – Mary Amelia Schermerhorn, age 89, of rural Wawaka, died on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mrs. Schermerhorn was born in Cassopolis, Michigan on August 1, 1920 to the late George W. and Emma (Brouse) Gilbert.

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1939 and attended Goshen College. She married John H. Schermerhorn on December 4, 1939 at her parents farm home in Elkhart Township, Noble County. Her husband of 67 years preceded her death on March 21, 2007.

She was a homemaker and farm wife assisting her husband on the family farm north of Brimfield.

She was a member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church where she was active as a Sunday School teacher for many years and she was also a member of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Schermerhorn was a nurses aide at McCray Hospital in Kendallville in the late 1950's. She was a member of the Orange Township Homemaker's Club for over 50 years and served as the Noble County president in 1965-66.

She was active in the Noble County Republican Women's Organization and enjoyed hosting events and entertaining at their home.

She was an avid supporter and campaign advocate for her husband's politcal career as Noble County Councilman and County Commissioner spanning 24 years.

She was an excellent cook, enjoyed playing cards, and loved spending time with her family. Along with her late husband, John, she enjoyed many traveling adventures with their dear friends, the late Harold and Virginia Frick. She never met a stranger.

Survivors include: three sons, Roger (Paula) Schermerhorn of Ligonier, J. David (Sue Ann) Schermerhorn of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, and Larry (Becky) Schermerhorn of Wawaka; two daughters, Judy (Jerry) Cunningham of Ligonier, and Mary Jean (Roy) Brostrand of Atlanta, Georgia; nineteen grandchildren, thirty-three great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter; several neices and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, George, Jr. Gilbert and John Gilbert and half brothers, Edward and Clyde Gardner and Merle Gilbert.

Funeral Services were Monday, September 28, 2009 at Brimfield United Methodist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Mike Neff.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana. Casketbearers were Gregg Cunningham, Tim Schermerhorn, Mark Schermerhorn, Tom Schermerhorn, Dave Schermerhorn, Jeff Schermerhorn, Nate Schermerhorn, and Andrew Brostrand.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Noble County Community Foundation - John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship Fund, 1599 South Lincolnway, Ligonier, Indiana 46767 or the Brimfield United Methodist Church in care of Carolyn Morr, 8458 North Baseline Road, Wawaka, Indiana 46794.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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